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Group seeks to build its muscle for lifting small, start-up community initiatives

Aims to increase Oxford County Fund's endowment to \$500,000

By MICHAEL DANIELS

Got a fresh idea for an activity that could help build and energize the community? If so a little more help might soon be available to help you turn that idea into an up-and-running reality.

An Oxford County group committed to nurturing local cultural, educational, artistic and social service initiatives is looking to triple its own endowment this year — so that it can likewise triple the amount of money it has available to help support such efforts throughout the county.

The Oxford County Committee of the Maine Community Foundation is seeking to increase its endowment, currently \$165,000, to \$500,000.

Similar endowment-building efforts are also underway in several other Maine counties according to MCF president Henry Schmelzer.

"What's really fascinating for me to see is the way a grant of three or four thousand dol-

lars can make a difference," Schmelzer said. "It can bring people together, get them started on something that's a new idea that's going to instill a sense of enthusiasm and excitement about something in community, whether it's a dance program, a historical society, a kids' program or skateparks, which are very popular with kids and parents."

Statewide, Schmelzer said, county committees currently make grants worth about a million dollars a year. And since the maximum amount of such grants is \$7,500, that means countless small non-profit organizations in Maine are benefiting from their county funds.

But in Oxford County, the limited endowment of the Oxford County Fund restricts its impact. On the strength of its current endowment, the committee is able to distribute

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Newry takes landowner to court over lack of permits

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry officials have filed a complaint in District Court in Rumford against Lynne Lutz of Hyannis, Mass. for zoning violations on her property on the Bear River Road.

Attorney Chris Neagle filed the complaint Dec. 14, with a court date of Jan. 11. It states that Lutz installed a well, well house and deck without a permit; installed a septic system prohibited in the Resource Protection District; installed water lines and plumbing in a residence without a permit; and improperly cleared vegetation within the Shoreland Zone.

Neagle requests that an injunction be issued requiring Lutz to remove the deck, well, well house, water lines and septic system until proper permits are issued, and also require her to restore the vegetation.

In addition, the town is ask-

ing that Lutz be ordered to pay the town fines allowed by Maine law, including a statutory fine of up to \$5,000 a day for "her extended violation of the Resource Protection District provisions of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance."

According to the complaint, Code Enforcement Officer Rich St. John discovered the violations in September of 2003. She has since been advised of the violations in writing in four different letters, according to the town.

In early 2004, Lutz applied to the Planning Board for "after-the-fact" shoreland zoning permits, but did not complete the application, the town said.

Lutz's response

Lutz acknowledged Monday that she had received the letters regarding the violations, but she disputes the town's claims.

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Local carpenter discovers a talent in terrain parks, then spirits in the woods

GAR DEN, a wood-land figurine by Gideon Dorman.
(Photo: Melville McLean)



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By ALISON ALOISIO
Gideon Dorman first learned he had artistic talent when he took a job creating elements in a snowboarding park at Sunday River Ski Resort.

Since graduating from Telstar High School in 1988, Dorman, of Bethel, has worked primarily in construction and finish carpentry, much of it at Sunday River. "I was not into art at all," he said.

Then, a few years ago, the resort hired a snowboard park designer from Utah to build a terrain park here. Dorman took a winter job as an assistant.

He worked on the park and snowboarding courses for about three seasons, creating such elements as jumps and halfpipes.

"I built one section and he [the designer] never touched it," said Dorman. "He said I had an eye for that sort of

thing."

The snow sculpting helped him develop a sense of artistic line, he said.

During that period, Dorman had also started thinking about other career possibilities.

"I started experimenting

Dorman looks primarily for gnarly pieces of wood, with the bark still intact.

'I like the coloration in aspen and poplar bark, with the splotches, and oak with thin lichen patterns,' he said.

ties. The years of construction work had taken a toll on his knees.

"I thought it would be nice to be able to make something in my shop," he said.

So he tried to come up with something using the resources he had. "I lived in a cabin in the woods, and I didn't have a lot of capital," he said.

and putting things together," said Dorman.

He put his new-found sense of artistry together with a finish carpenter's patience to create a large, human-like wood sculpture. It had hair and a beard of dried moss, and a face carved from basswood. He dubbed it "Tree Shepherd."

"It came out surprisingly nice," he said.

So Dorman kept dabbling in wood creations. Over the next three years, he made three pieces. During 2004, he made five, and came up with a name for his works — "For est Folk."

He finds some of his inspiration, he said, from the characters in "The Lord of the Rings," a book he had read 20 years earlier. He describes the woodland figurines as naturalistic wood sculpture.

Gnarly wood the best

Dorman now scavenges for wood wherever he can find it — when he cuts firewood on his own property, or even when he's driving down the road. "I might see a tree lying in a ditch," he said.

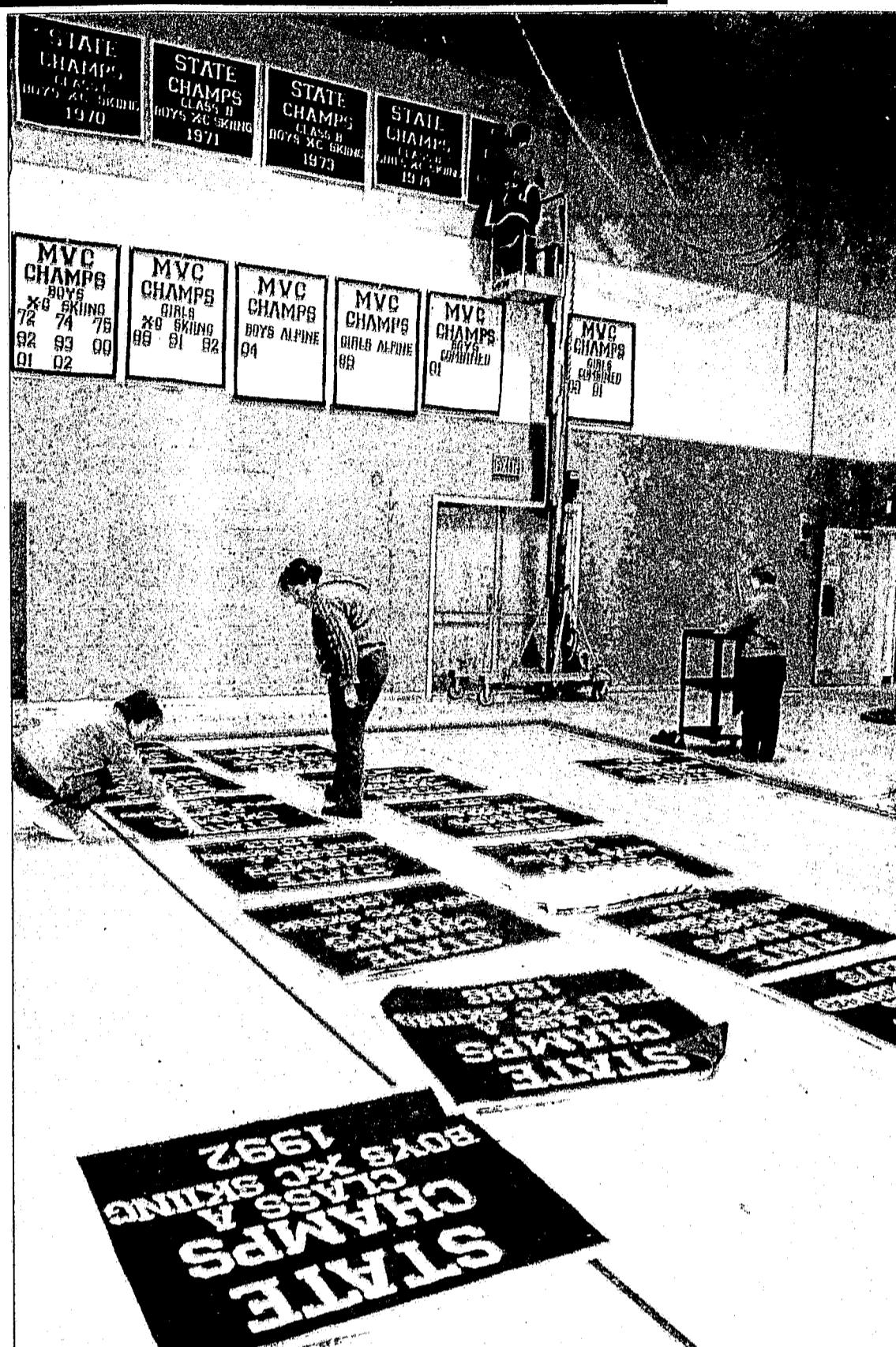
He looks primarily for gnarly pieces of wood, with the bark still intact. "I like

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BANNERS GO UP representing all the athletic championships won by Telstar High School teams over the past 35 years. A total of 57 banners, reflecting 81 championships, went up on Friday. Here, Mark Kenney hangs ski banners as Donna Rowe and Linda Cozzolino check banners waiting to go up. At right is Joan Kimball.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Volunteers' efforts with scissors and glue help to revive Telstar's banner years

By ALISON ALOISIO

Donna Rowe, Joan Kimball and other members of the Telstar Athletic Boosters spend a lot of time in other schools' gymnasiums.

In their travels following the games of the Rebel basketball teams, said Rowe, they have noticed many impressive collections of championship banners hanging from the gym walls.

So the group decided it was time to update, and upgrade, the 11 banners hanging in the Telstar gym. Not all the championships won by Rebel teams over the years were represented, and the banners that were there were showing their age.

To compile a complete list of the championships, teachers/boosters Mark Kenney and Tim Remington went through the school's trophy case. The count revealed a total of 82 championships over 35 years.

They decided each state championship deserved its own banner. Others would be noted by year under a heading, such as "Mountain Valley Conference."

But when the group came up with a total of 57 banners and researched the cost for ordering

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Looming school-tax shifts among towns here seen as drastic but possibly preventable

By MICHAEL DANIELS

On July 1 a new law is scheduled to take effect that would drastically shift the way school costs are allocated within SAD44 and several other Maine school districts.

But Bethel selectmen and their counterparts in some smaller SAD44 towns are banking on a key provision of that law being changed before it can ever take effect.

The provision in question is part of Gov. John Baldacci's: the large "Learning Results" legislative package, which was passed in special session by the Maine legislature.

The provision would change the allocation method for school taxes from valuation-based to student-count based.

In a memo to Bethel selectmen, Town Manager Scott Cole explained the situation as follows:

"Thus, towns with high value and relatively few students will get a tax break and other towns in the same school district will pay more. This is a radical departure from 40 years of SAD law, where the same unit of value pays the same school tax, regardless of location within a school district. On a statewide basis, what Maine appears to have done is effectively shrink its property-tax base without an offsetting benefit elsewhere in public policy. It defies logic."

The provision would have a drastic effect in SAD44.

According to a preliminary analysis prepared by Cole, Newry, because of its high valuation and low student population, could see its school tax bill fall by 80 percent.

While Andover and Woodstock, with many students and relatively low valuations, could see their school-tax bills increase by 82 and 69 percent

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Letters

TIME TO STEP FORWARD

To the Editor:

Six years ago I wracked my brain trying to think of the "perfect gift" for my husband's 50th birthday.

For previous birthdays I had given him surprise parties and gift certificates and lots of purchased items that I had considered "special" but they had all fallen by the wayside and forgotten.

I suddenly became obsessed for this 50th celebration and had to think of something different. By god, I said, I'll find the right gift!

Rooting around on the internet that week I haphazardly came upon a site that showed photos of very needy children who desperately needed sponsorship to survive. Aha! I said nobody has ever given this to my him! So my daughter and I spent hours looking at photos and bios from needy children from Africa, India, Middle East and Indonesia until bam! one photo stopped us in our tracks. A beautiful wide-eyed child named Anggi, from Sumatra was in desperate need of the basics: medicine, clothing, pencils and books for school. Her photo looked back at us and, with just a click and a credit card number, for \$200 per year (big money in that part of the world), we signed my husband up as her sponsor that would change her life, and her family's forever.

My daughter and I fashioned up a homemade birthday card with Anggi's on-line photo and presented it on my husband's "big" birthday with the details of his sponsorship, and as he opened it, it took a long time for him to grasp the scope of just what he was getting, but when he got to Anggi's picture and the words "Hello American Daddy" on the birthday card, well, tears welled with a huge smile and I knew that we'd hit the mark.

In the last six years we have watched Anggi grow from a skinny three-year-old to a proud and confident nine-year-old who "likes to sing" and is "doing well in school." Our sponsorship has bought her books and sneakers and last year when she came down with a bad case of malaria we sent an extra \$50 for medicine that saw her through the crisis. Twice a year, on her June birthday and at Christmas, we send her special little gifts (must be transported in a flat bubble envelope) of hair ribbons and markers and glittery nail tattoos, and six months later we receive a translated "thank you" letter from her family's district manager and photos of Anggi and her little sister, Trevina, with big smiles sporting the outlandish things we've sent. We have sent her pictures of us in the blustery snow and they answer with questions about what and how snow feels like?

Right now our hearts are heavy because we don't know how Anggi and Trevina and their parents have fared in this Indonesian tsunami disaster. According to the maps, they are on an eastern island that suffered "minimal" damage, but we have no official word yet. We wait and we pray. The Christian Children's Website tells us that they'll give us a personal child-sponsor update as soon as possible.

I know that many, many have contributed money to the disaster fund that this tsunami has brought and that's a very good thing, but I want to remind you that "giving" and making a difference in the world is available year-round. It shouldn't take a disaster to make you take notice. The benefits of sponsoring are always available and, take it from us, it makes you feel great and purposeful!

When this global disaster is over and a memory, please step forward and make the world a little better place with a child sponsorship. We have so much here in Maine compared to the rest of the world and there is nothing better than to share it with the less fortunate.

Meanwhile, prayers for beautiful Anggi and Trevina and their family are appreciated. I'll keep you posted.

Doreen Johnson
Greenwood

SPRINKLING ORDINANCE MEETING

To the Editor:

To the Townsfolk of Newry. On Thursday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Newry Town Office the Newry Volunteer Fire Department is holding a Public Informational Hearing about Residential Sprinkling.

We, the Newry Volunteer Fire Department, are working to incorporate into the existing town ordinances an ordinance that deals with fire protection in sprinkling new construction dwellings with over 2,000 square feet of finished living space within the town of Newry.

First and foremost this ordinance will help save lives in the event of a fire. Secondly, it will help reduce the property loss in the event of a fire. Thirdly, if passed, there is a high probability that the insurance cost to homeowners and businesses will decrease.

The Newry Volunteer Fire Department invites the people of Newry to stop by the Newry Town Office and pick up a copy of the proposed ordinance and some literature about residential sprinkling and why the Fire Department feels that with the current and future development happening within the town of Newry a Fire Protection Ordinance is necessary.

Please attend the public informational hearing and do not forget to come and vote at the special Town Meeting, TBA.

Bruce Pierce
For the members of the Newry Volunteer Fire Department

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REMEMBERING SUDIE VACHON

To the Editor:

The death this week of Sudie Vachon brings back vivid memories of her years as chair of the Gardens and Ground Committee at the Bethel Historical Society.

Following the gift of the Dr. Moses Mason House and its grounds to the society in 1974, Sudie faced the challenge of completing and building upon the plans that had been proposed during the restoration of this historic structure. She and her committee worked tirelessly for the first fourteen years of operations at the Dr. Mason House, planting shrubs, flowers, bulbs, trees and perennials from many sources. Much of what was accomplished in this era has come down to the present.

Often Sudie's late husband, Ed, and I were "drafted" to help dig up plants and move them to new locations on the grounds under her watchful eye. It was an experience with a certain degree of epiphany that allowed me to savor this exercise since Ed had been headmaster during my years at Gould. To have equal status with the shovel and wheelbarrow with Ed under Sudie's expert direction was a "heady" experience indeed.

Through all these gardening experiences, I came to know Sudie well and appreciate her many positive qualities. She was always kind, cheerful, plain spoken, and direct. Her knowledge of plants was extensive and her sense of what would be appropriate at particular locations bore every sign of an artist's eye making all the right choices.

When age and health dictated retirement as committee chair, she never lost interest in its work and continued to provide advice and plants as the need arose. Her volunteer service record was so outstanding that she was presented with the society's second Marjorie MacArthur Noll Volunteer Service Award in 1988.

Shortly after I came to own the Hastings Homestead nearly twenty years ago, Sudie suggested that I plant some lilacs with deep purple blossoms that she referred to as "French lilacs." There was an abundance of them at her Paradise home, so I brought several small plants to my property, where they have flourished. Today they are my favorite shrubs and each spring I eagerly await their blossoms. I am certain that later this year when they bloom again, I will think fondly of Sudie and recall once more those days of gardening with she and Ed.

How lucky I was to know her and what a legacy she has left behind for her family and friends.

Stan Howe

Executive Director, Bethel Historical Society

BETHEL'S RICHNESS OF SPIRIT

To the Editor:

My husband and I have been so delighted this past three years with the quality, creativity, and variety of year-round community activities in Bethel.

New Year's Bethel is the most recent. We heard the tinkling of harness bells as draft horses took people around town on a wagon. As we walked from venue to venue, there was music and artistry in settings both historic and modern. All at a bargain admission price, considering the professional entertainment. The evening ended with enthusiastic bell ringing at the new town clock.

Whether you are citizen or visitor to this town, we invite you to reflect on the richness of opportunity for fun, camaraderie, and community spirit here in Bethel.

Sylvia Vander Sluis and Hal Mahon

Bethel

BOOKGROUP FOR KIDS

To the Editor:

We are writing to invite all families with children who enjoy reading wholesome literature to join a children's bookgroup to share the fun of reading (as well as some good food).

Members will read one chapter book a month (parents read aloud or children read on their own). At home, children create a project about the book to share at the bookgroup meeting. We come together at the house of a member from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month to share projects as well as a potluck meal.

Our first meeting will be hosted by Deb Webster on Saturday, Feb. 5. Projects about the book, "The Sword in the Tree," by Clyde Robert Bulla, will be shared at 11 a.m., with a potluck lunch to follow at 12. Bookgroup will end at 1 p.m.

Membership must be limited in numbers to make hosting an easy thing to do, so please call early if you are interested in joining (824-3625).

We look forward to sharing great literature with you.

Deb, Claire and Cassidy Webster

Bethel

WORLD HYPNOTISM DAY

To the Editor:

I would like to announce that on Jan. 4, hypnotists from all over the globe witnessed and celebrated our first "World Hypnotism Day." I invite everyone to link to www.worldhypnosis.com to read about, learn about and enjoy the benefits of hypnosis. It works.

Linda T. Kuzik

Certified Hypnotist, Bethel

Taxes

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respectively.

Bethel's school-tax bill would go up by 17 percent and Greenwood's by 21, according to Cole's figures.

Cole cautioned that his analysis does not take into consideration all the various factors and "tiers" at play in Maine's ever-evolving school-funding/property-tax discussion.

Emergency prevention
Cole said he believed the provision was a "sleeper" whose potential impact was not recognized by the legisla-

tors and education officials who crafted and passed it.

"It seemed to sneak by everybody," Dutch Dresser, chairman of the Bethel Board of Selectmen, said Monday.

And Bethel selectman Stan Howe said Monday that as awareness of the provision's impact spreads, so too does resistance to it.

"It's not going to stand," he said. "There's going to be emergency legislation to amend it."

"I'm not going to worry about it," Howe said. "I think

we should keep the pressure on, but I don't think it's necessarily going to become a fact of life."

He said state Rep. Arlan Jodrey (R-Bethel) had told him the provision was unlikely to stand, but it was still important for all concerned to make their thoughts known to their local legislators.

In nearby Greenwood, the selectmen agreed Tuesday to have Town Manager Kim Sparks draft a letter to the town's Augusta delegation.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Sunday, Jan. 2

At 5:50 p.m. Officer William Britting responded to a two-vehicle accident on Route 2.

At 6 p.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to an accident on the Sunday River Road. A vehicle was on its roof in a field. The driver had lost control because of icy road conditions.

Saturday, Jan. 1

At 12:30 a.m. Officers Randall Baker and Ovide Richard responded to Gilead for a rollover accident. They assisted a county deputy in arresting the driver, who was found in an apartment. When confronted, he started to fight. He was arrested and checked by Bethel Rescue.

Friday, Dec. 31

At 10:30 p.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to an accident on Route 2. A vehicle was in the ditch on its side.

At 12:45 a.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to a residence for a report of a fight. It had broken up when he arrived.

Thursday, Dec. 30

At 4:30 p.m. Chief Alan Carr and Officer Randall Baker responded to a two-vehicle, hit-and-run accident on Route 2. A tractor-trailer that was involved could not be identified. The second driver was taken to the hospital for observation.

Wednesday, Dec. 29

At 4:20 p.m. Officer Randall Baker responded with a state trooper to a two-car accident at the intersection of Parkway and Route 2. There was no personal injury.

At 5:12 p.m. Officer Randall Baker responded to a car/moose accident on Route 26 at the Locke Mills town line. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$12,000.

At 5:15 p.m. Officer Randall Baker responded to assist a county deputy on a family dispute.

At 10:30 p.m. Officers Randall Baker and Ovide Richard responded with a state trooper to a complaint of telephone harassment. Jeffrey Palmer was given a summons for the offense.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists all cases of adults being arrested or issued a criminal summon in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of other police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN K. BROWN

10 years ago: Douglas and Susan Vogt Brooks and family of Kwa Zulu/Natal, South Africa, were visiting family in Bethel over the holidays. Doug is general manager for a Sappi Group paper mill in Stanger.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Brown observed their 50th wedding anniversary.

Heather Hale and David Nivus opened the Good Food Store in Mayville.

Births: Destiny Danielle Long, Hannah Leigh Lyon, Cody James Smith.

Deaths: Ken J. Kennagh, Leroy N. Ryerson, Beatrice H. "Bea" Poole.

20 years ago: Woodstock selectmen appointed Ken Hakala to fill the unexpired term of Roger Benson as road commissioner.

A new outlet of the Tourist Trap and Video Store was opened on Church Street.

Mrs. Annie Crockett of Bryant Pond purchased, through the Annie and Robert Crockett Trust, the railroad models and artifacts in the Edward Quinn Collection. (It was hoped the collection would become part of a railroad museum in Bethel.)

Deaths: Mrs. Elsie B. Wiken, Mrs. Margaret L. Learned, Mrs. Alice M. Cameron.

30 years ago: Telstar was edged out by two-tenths of a point by Edward Little High of Auburn in a four-way ski meet at Farmington. Livermore and Mt. Blue trailed in third and fourth positions.

An estimated 1,200 to 1,400 people attended Bethel's annual Living Nativity Pageant.

The mobile home of Joe and Freda Gaudreau on the Bog Road was gutted by fire and the family lost nearly all of their clothing and furniture.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Jordan of West Bethel celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Birth: Jennifer Rebecca Boyce.

40 years ago: Burdick Pierce and James Fiske were president and vice president, respectively, of the Greater Bethel Chamber of Commerce.

Briefly

Bethel woman hurt in accident

PARIS — Elizabeth Mills, 76, of Bethel was injured Tuesday when her car left Route 26 in Paris and struck some trees, according to police. Mills was flown to Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, where she was last reported to be in stable condition with a head laceration and abrasions. Police said a medical condition may have caused her to go off the road. Another motorist had earlier reported Mills struck a car in Woodstock before continuing south on Route 26. She was not wearing a seat belt.

Fire protection hearing

NEWRY — A public informational meeting on a proposed ordinance addressing fire protection, and specifically residential sprinkling, will take place Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Newry Town Office. Members of the Fire Department have been compiling the ordinance for several months. Residents are expected to vote on the proposed ordinance at an upcoming Town Meeting.

Phone could be factor in crash

BETHEL — An Auburn college student who died in a car accident in West Bethel Dec. 18 may have been using her cell phone at the time of the crash, Bethel Police Chief Alan Carr said Tuesday. Family members of Emily Fletcher, 21, reported her phone number appeared on their answering machine at about 3:38 p.m. that day, Carr said. The accident was believed to have happened between 3:30 and 4 p.m., but it was not discovered until the next day. Carr said it's possible she may have been on the phone or just hanging up when her 1991 Volvo got off the right side of Route 2 eastbound. Fletcher apparently overcorrected, crossed the road and went into the Pleasant River. She was driving home from the University of Vermont at the time. Carr said he is still checking with people who saw her before she left the school to try to determine whether fatigue could have been a factor in the accident.

Man impersonates police officer

WATERFORD — A second incident in the past six months involving a man impersonating a police officer took place Monday on Route 118. A woman was headed south near the Crooked River Store late Monday evening when a driver behind her turned on a red light on his car roof and signaled her to pull over. He was driving a black or blue Chevrolet Caprice-type car. He approached her car with a flashlight and then asked her to get out of the car. Suspicious, she asked for his identification. He then returned to his car and left. He was not wearing a uniform. A similar incident happened in Bridgton July 20, and police believe they could be connected. Officers who drive unmarked cars usually wear full uniforms, and police lights are always blue. Anyone who suspects someone stopping them should ask for identification, and keep their doors and windows shut and locked until they can call 911 on a cell phone to further check identification, police said.

Skier died of head trauma

NEWRY — A Massachusetts man who died in a skiing accident Christmas Day at Sunday River Ski Resort caught an edge with his skis and fell some 1,500 feet down the White Heat Trail, according to Chief Dep. Jim Davis of the Oxford County Sheriff's Dept. John Gordon Kerr, 46, died of massive head trauma, according the state medical examiner's office. He was wearing a helmet. Davis said Kerr had the ability to ski the double black diamond trail, which is advertised as the steepest, widest mogul trail in the East. He picked up speed as he tumbled down the slope, Davis said. Kerr was skiing with his wife and two teenage children at the time of the accident. He was pronounced dead at the resort, Davis said.

Good fishing predicted

LEWISTON — Biologists are predicting good fishing for trout and salmon as ice fishing season got underway Saturday. New Year's Day heralded the arrival of ice fishing season, the time of year when tens of thousands of anglers take to Maine's 3,000 lakes and ponds for three months of cold-weather fishing. In southwestern Maine, an additional 2,280 unscheduled, legal-size trout and salmon — some weighing in at about 7 pounds — were stocked this past fall. Biologist Francis Brautigam in Gray said that the heaviest stockings of brood fish occurred in Mousam Lake in Acton, Little Ossipee Lake in Waterboro, Little Sebago Lake in Windham, Norway Lake in Norway, Presumpscot River in Windham, and Songo Pond in Albany Township. Brautigam said large brook trout fingerlings were stocked last fall to provide winter fisheries in ponds where habitat is not suitable to sustain a year-round trout fishery. Those bodies of water included Hobbs Pond in Norway, Worthley Pond in Poland, Barker Pond in Lyman, Deer Pond in Hollis, Trafton Pond in Hiram, Littlefield Pond in Sanford, Forrest Pond in Canton, Halls Pond in Paris, Cold Rain in Naples and Little Clemmons in Hiram. Officials urged anglers to use caution and to be wary of ice thickness. The ice on many western Maine lakes and ponds is ranging from 2 to 12 inches thick, biologists said. "It's always tricky estimating ice thicknesses on opening day of ice fishing," said biologist Forrest Bonney in Strong. "This year, it's especially difficult, because of the rain-freeze cycles we've had."

Merge Maine counties?

AUGUSTA — The political odds may be against her, but Rep. Barbara Merrill thinks her proposal to merge Maine's 16 counties into eight as a first step toward easing Maine's property tax burden is in tune with the times. The freshman lawmaker, who pitched her plan last month to a legislative panel working to craft a property tax reform bill, sees changes at the county level as a logical starting point. "Property tax reform must start with the reform of county government," Merrill told the committee, "because it is the fastest-growing service which is dependent on property taxes." Municipal governments have held the line with increases at close to the rate of inflation during the past decade, she said, while the cost of operating the state's 16 county governments "has gone up three times faster than inflation." Her plan would consolidate Waldo, Knox, Lincoln and Sagadahoc counties, giving them a total valuation of \$14.6 billion and a combined population of 149,838. That would be significantly less than Cumberland, with a population of 270,930 and a valuation of \$26.4 billion. Other proposed mergers would include Washington and Hancock; Penobscot and Piscataquis; Kennebec and Somerset; and Androscoggin, Oxford and Franklin. Aroostook, Cumberland and York counties would all remain free-standing.

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only \$8,000 a year. (That figure represents a 5 percent investment return on the endowment. The endowment funds themselves remain invested and continue to earn income for future grants.)

But if the Oxford County Fund's endowment could be increased, the OCC would be able to assist more start-up initiatives here — efforts such as Debbie Irons' Art Moves Dance Program, Sally Taylor's Summer Solstice Sculpture Race and the Mahoosuc Arts Council, all of which have benefited from OCC support.

John Todd of Bethel is an OCC member.

"We need to at least triple what we give away every year, and we can't do that without raising some money to make our endowment grow," Todd said. "So the board of advisors got together and agreed among ourselves we would go after long-term objective of \$500,000 as soon as we could get it."

The committee appears off to a strong start toward its half-million-dollar goal.

The OCC has applied for and received a \$50,000 challenge grant from the Betterment Fund. This means that if the county group can raise \$100,000 before October of this year, the Betterment Fund will contribute another \$50,000 — "which takes us well up over \$300,000," said Todd. "We'd only have \$200,000 to go after that."

The Oxford County Committee members have themselves pledged \$68,000 toward the

endowment, about \$23,000 of which will be eligible to count toward the challenge grant.

Norway Savings Bank has chipped in \$5,000, and Todd is working with modular home builders, with the hope of putting together an aggregate commitment from that industry.

The Oxford County Committee of the MCS was formed in 1997, with an anonymous gift of \$100,000.

The Bethel area is well represented on its ten-member board. In addition to Todd, the committee includes Bill Kieffer and Wendy Penley of Bethel, and Ann Morton of Bryant Pond.

Penley is also chairman of the MCF board of directors, which oversees the state-wide foundation's operations, including management of its \$165-million asset base.

While the scope of MCS might seem to dwarf the local efforts of the OCC, Penley says: "People have a real connection to the place in which they live, and the Oxford County Fund enables people to give money — and it doesn't matter the amount — and by doing so to make a commitment to the future of a place they care about."

"And forever, this money will be there," she said, because as the years go on, the gift itself remains invested, while the investment income the gift generates is distributed back to make good things happen in the community.

"And it's always going to be given away by local people," she said. "It doesn't get a whole lot better than that."

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GIDEON DORMAN and his most recent woodland figurine.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Banners

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ing them, they suffered a case of sticker shock.

The price tag: \$10,000.

Given the TAA's budget, it would take about five years to purchase the banners, Rowe said.

So they decided to take matters into their own hands — literally.

"We shopped around for fabric, and decided we could do it," said Rowe.

They bought fabric, felt and other supplies for a total of \$1,200. Then, in November, they got to work cutting and sewing the material.

Rowe cut out all the letters, and her mother, Eleanor Brooks, became the group's

"chief gluer."

Others working on the project included John, Jillian and James Kimball, Linda, Chelsea and Brock Cozzolino, Karen and Liz Rosenberg, Jim, Tara and Meagan Lunney, Rick Whitney and Althea Hathaway.

Last Friday, the volunteers hung their work in the gym.

At one end hang about two dozen banners, representing three dozen skiing championships. At the other end are baseball, softball, field hockey, golf and football banners.

State championships are represented by white letters on a navy blue background. Western Maine champion-

ships are navy letters on a light blue background, while MVC champs are represented by navy blue lettering on a white background.

The numbers by sport

The breakdown of championships since 1969: 31 state championships (two baseball,

one softball, two cross-country running, two football, three field hockey, one golf and 20 skiing); 36 MVC championships (three baseball, two softball, seven cross-country running, two football, four field hockey, one soccer, one golf and 16 skiing); 13 Western Maine Championships (five baseball, seven field hockey and one softball) and one New

England Championship in skiing.

Also represented are three sportsmanship awards (two soccer and one field hockey) and the 1,000 Point Club in basketball (Mike Pelletier, Todd Wing and Kinsey Durbin).

Included in the tally are this year's new championships — the field hockey and golf teams' state titles and golf's MVC championship.

Rowe said that on Monday, students and staff returning from Christmas break expressed their approval of the new banners.

"We're very proud of them," said Rowe.

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She said her property does not have a septic system, but has a self-contained port-a-potty on the property.

She said a well has been in existence for some time, but she did not realize a permit was needed to upgrade it. It currently does not provide running water to the structure

on the property, she said.

As for the deck, Lutz said a previous CEO had told her it was all right to have it because it is movable.

"I've been getting conflicting information from the town," she said. "I guess it will be for the court to decide."

She also said she had talked

to a consultant about preparing an application for the Planning Board, but was quoted a fee of \$5,000, which she said was excessive for the work.

She said she and her family love the area, and, said Lutz, "I'm not trying to break the law by any means, or trying to cause problems."

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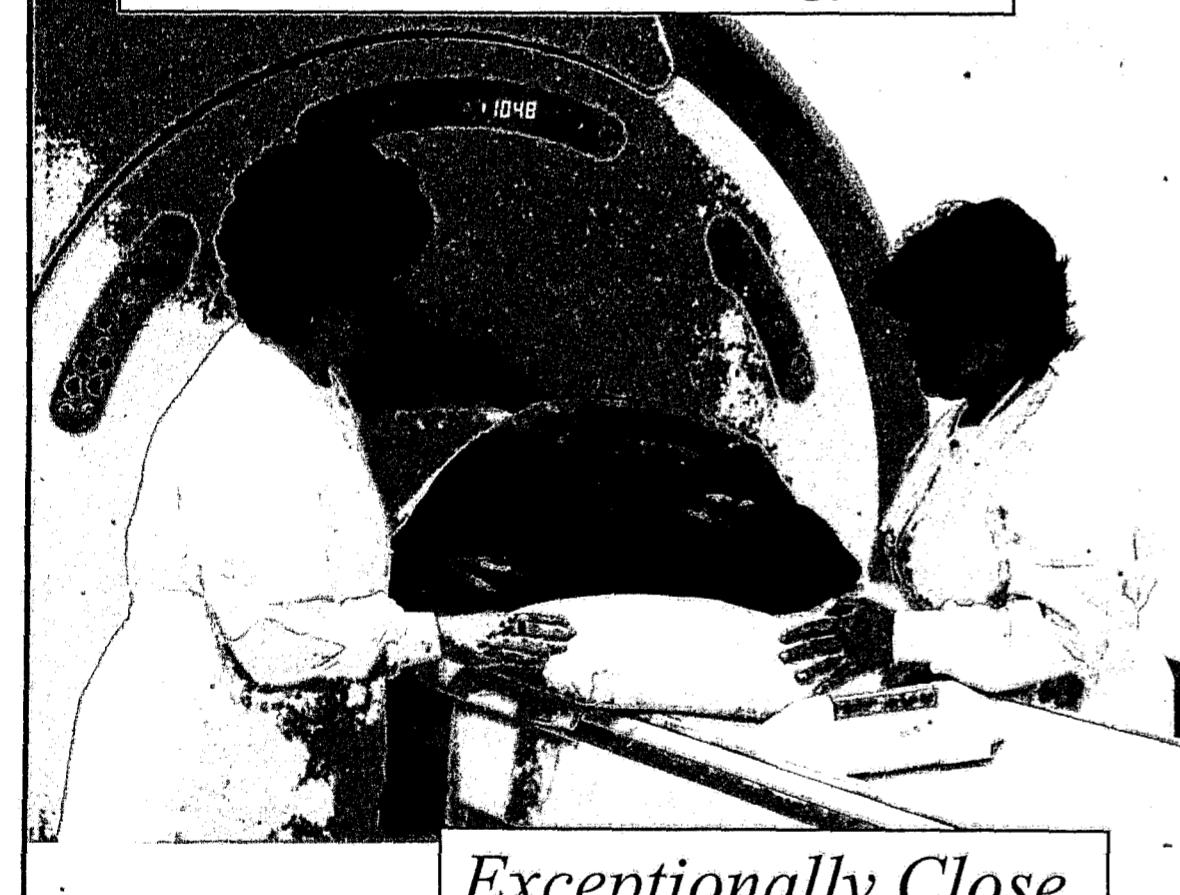
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Woodland figurines by Gideon Dorman (clockwise, from above) "Hemingway," "Wisdom Seeker," "Tree Shepherd" (his first piece). Dorman is currently working on building up his collection of figurines for his own exhibit.

(Photos: "Tree Shepherd" by Ron Dorman; others, Melville McLean)

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Sharon Bouchard's column is published by special arrangement with the Advertising Department

IT'S BACK! I hope all you skiers, snowmobilers, tubers, boarders, sledgers and ice fisher people are happy. Winter's back and the rest of us who don't participate in winter activities and who don't like the cold are miserable.

It's not just the freezing arctic temperatures icing the blood in my veins, it's not just the blizzards that dump a million inches of snow in my driveway, it's not even the freezing rain turning the whole state into a crystallized rotunda that gets me down. It's everything about winter that makes me want to hibernate until May.

Think about the cold. What good is it other than keeping the black flies and mosquitoes under control? You have to wear big bulky coats, long johns, sweaters, extra socks, flannels, hats, earmuffs and mittens; and that's just to go to bed. Your bones creak, your joints ache, your skin dries out and flakes and your body gets all lumpy from goose bumps.

Then there are the fuel bills. By the time winter is over, the oilman and I will be on a first name basis. I'll end up knowing the names of his kids and their birthdays. And have you ever noticed that once you're way over budget on the oil bill the furnace will break down? It will happen on the coldest night of the year just when you're getting ready to go to bed. And of course you have to deal with it or you will wake up to frozen pipes. It never fails!

As for snow and ice, I can't think of one decent thing to say. Oh sure, I guess you can point out that it is beautiful after a snow or ice storm, but if I want to appreciate that kind of beauty, I'll look at the calendar the oilman gave me.

I certainly don't see anything beautiful about the white-knuckle driving caused by the road conditions when Mother Nature decides to

beautify the landscape. I swear she must be suffering from PMS every time it storms.

There might be some people who like driving in it, but they're either sick-minded psychopaths or out-of-state skiers who don't know any better. I don't fall into either category. I get nervous at the first sight of a snowflake and by the time there is an inch of snow on the ground I am a wreck. And without a doubt, when there is a major storm, I will have to go somewhere that I just can't get out of, like work.

If it's bad enough to close the

One has to feel that Mother Nature is in cahoots with big business.

schools, it should be bad enough to close work. But no, it doesn't happen that way. Instead, I have to bundle up and shovel the driveway, which I always finish just in time for the snowplow to go by and bury me so I can shovel all over again.

Then once I'm on the road the fun begins. It's bad enough that I should be on the road in a state of panic, but there's all those other drivers in the same state I'm in. It's easy to recognize who we are; we're the ones going 5 M.P.H. with our hands frozen to the wheel and a look of horror on our pale faces. Don't come near us because we'll probably go into a skid and none of us are sure if we are supposed to steer into a skid or away from it, so we usually just put our hand over our eyes and hit the brakes.

You people who plow driveways, you know who we are, we're the ones laying on our horns, a scream frozen on our lips, our cars headed for the snow bank as you back your plow truck out in front of us.

Why don't you plow in the middle of the night like the towns do?

Once we white-knuckle drivers get to our destinations it takes a while for us to get our hearts under control and pry our fingers from the steering wheel. It's really stupid to make us work on days like these. Once we're at work we spend the entire day looking out the window and worrying about how we're going to get home. That's not exactly productive, so our bosses should just let us stay home when it storms. The folks plowing driveways would certainly be grateful.

Another problem with winter weather is trying to keep the floors clean - forget it! When it isn't snow being tracked in to melt all over the clean floors, it's sand. Sometimes it's snow and sand. Sometimes it's snow, sand and mud. Give it up until spring. You can't win. You can ask people to take their boots off, but if their feet stink, you've got another problem.

So let's analyze what we're dealing with for all you winter lovers. Winter is messy, cold and dangerous. Fuel and electric bills go soaring costing us a bigger percentage of our paychecks. The roads are dangerous to drive on causing accidents and costing more money. Every year everyone has to buy some or several items of winter clothing costing yet more money. People get more colds and flus costing even more money. One has to feel that Mother Nature is in cahoots with big business.

So, what is good about winter? The way I see it, the only good thing there is about it, is that it will eventually end. Until then, I think I will just wrap myself up in a blanket and hibernate until the robins return from wherever the heck it is they go. I ask again - winter! What good is it?

Super Crossword

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by
Virginia
Keniston

Happy New
Year to one and
all. Determina-
tion, attitude

and patience are on my list of New Year's resolutions. How about you? Procrastination means to defer or postpone — to put off from day to day. What we are hereafter depends upon what we are after here.

Stan Howe held an Open House at his home on Broad Street Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26, for the Bethel Historical Society volunteers.

Correction: Last week's Bethel news listed Kurt and Tammy Brown as residents of Gorham, which was incorrect. They are residents of Westbrook.

I had a visit from my brother, Jerry Davis, wishing us a Happy New Year. He has moved and his new home is in Evans, Ga., with his new wife, Diana.

Phyllis Stevens spent the holidays with her sister, Doris Fraser. They visited at several family gatherings.

Bud and Joan Howe arrived in Florida on Friday.

Ed Dorion, Mary Paine's brother, had new hip replacement on Monday, Jan. 3.

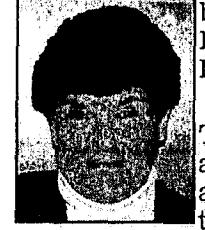
Lisa Clanton spent the holidays with her parents, Sylvia and Norm Clanton.

The County Quilt is completed. It measures 6x7 and contains 40 squares representing each township, town, unorganized territory in Oxford County. Eventually it will be displayed in Oxford County Court House. First, it will go on tour during the County Bicentennial. Towns may request it for display.

Lee and Virginia Hutchins hosted their annual Christmas dinner and exchange of gifts at their home on the 25th. Those attending were Mike and Janice Hutchins and son, Tom, of South Paris; Mark Hutchins of Salisbury, N.H.; Karen Hutchins from Kennebunk; Jonathan and Andrea Hutchins-Sickenger from Durham, N.C.; Jill Hutchins and daughters, Kate and Lea, and husband Allan Stimpson of Durham; and Kelly and Mike Thibodeau and son, Landon, from Freeport.

Earlon and Mary Rice-Keniston gathered with family and friends at The Chalet at Sunday River last Thursday, the 28th, for their annual Christmas dinner and exchange of gifts. Family attending were Don Rice, Sheldon and Jackie Rice and children, Jaidyn and Dalton, Donna Rice-Howe and Arlene Howe all of Waterford; Adam Rice and children, Bryenna and Michaela of Augusta; Alton, Chipper and Barbara

Howe and children, Jiselle and Kaylea, from Scarborough; Doug and Sandra Rice, Justin and Sue Rice and daughter, Alyssa, Rachel and fiance, Pat Welch, all from Guilford, Conn.; and Jeff and Jillian Meaux and children, Andrew and Savannah from Duluth, Ga. Guests were Jim Hannon from Branford, Conn., and Jay Desroches and friend, Raoule from Alna.

Upton

by
Eleanor
LeComte

The holidays are behind us and we face the New Year with good intentions and resolutions. That mode should last about ten days. All the cookies, candies and fine food has left its mark on us. Cholesterol and Triglyceride levels have climbed. Spartan living will get us back to normal, then we can throw all caution to the wind and pig out.

The icy roads New Year's Eve posed a problem for many. The Bull Moose hosted a party that several residents attended.

Larry and Sue Nelson's party, which is held every year, was better than ever. Don and Linda Hartwick traveled from Connecticut to attend. Anita and Bill Harris also traveled a long distance, from Leroy, N.Y., to attend. A sumptuous buffet and games rounded out a full evening as we bid goodbye to 2004.

Becky Kendall made her biennial visit to Upton bearing a delicious fruitcake for us and a bag of sunflower seeds for our feathered friends.

The lake was a sea of water over the ice. The temperature dropped and within a matter of hours a clear sheet of ice formed. The Dead Cambridge is running hard over the ice formations.

We are not feeding the deer in our deer yard anymore. They are being fed on the other side of the river with a plan to move them deeper into the forest. An occasional pair will wander through our yard, nibble at the birdfeeder and go on their way. The antler hunters have been around but there aren't any to be found. Some of the deer have been seen sporting one antler. I searched in vain but couldn't find the other ones.

The varying weather has brought flocks of birds to the feeders. You probably have the same ones at your feeders. We have a pair of white-breasted nuthatches and they are not the same color. One of them has pale feathers and the other is vivid. They mix in with the chickadees and other



nuthatches, but they are distinctive in their actions. They love the suet and are very frequent visitors. One of them pulled a three-inch piece of membrane from the suet ball, then flew away with it flapping in the breeze. Of course they eat upside down, but I'm sure you know that the white-breasted nuthatch is the "Bird of the Week."

The world is in mourning for those lost in the Tsunami in Asia. Last Monday I mentioned that there were 25,000 dead. One week later the figure is closer to 150,000 people lost. The sad implications are numerous. We hope everyone will dig deep to donate to the various relief organizations.

Gilead

by
Lin Chapman

I hope 2005
got off to a
good start for
everyone.
Capt. Stephen
McLain

Baghdad, Iraq, called to wish his parents, Steve and Lise McLain, Gilead, a Happy New Year. I also received a call from him. It was great to hear his voice. He is still sending e-mails with pictures, but hearing from him in person was great.

Hugh and I talked to our

son, Chris. This past weekend he moved to St. George, Utah, to get ready to start his new job. The radio station that he is working for provides a hotel room for a couple of weeks, so his next project is to start looking for an apartment.

Last week, Eileen Adams of the Lewiston Sun Journal stopped by to do a story on the Gilead Historical Society. Bill and Gale Tout were also present for the interview. We discussed how the Gilead Historical Society formed as a result of the 2004 Gilead Bicentennial. The group wanted to keep the momentum that was created going. The GHS will begin meeting in the spring, because at this point there is not a suitable place to hold meetings. When warmer weather arrives, we can meet in the Town Hall. It is our goal to obtain a place in the near future. The first newsletter will be published and a list of lecture series will be announced. We plan on starting out small with a couple of lectures on the area, and, hopefully, beginning a new tradition with a yearly family event.

A Planning Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on 1/12/05 at Steve Caswell's house on the Bog Road. The agenda is posted at the Town Hall, Town Office and Transfer Station. Contact Jack Pucak at 836-2729 for information related to the meeting. Applications for such work may be obtained at the Town Office. If there are questions regarding work you are considering please contact Jack.

I know that there has to be

more Gilead news out there. Call me at 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

West Bethel

by
Lorrie Hoeh

On New
Year's Day
morning,
Mike and I
took our early
morning walk
with

Jake the Lab, and I looked up to see what appeared to be a funny-looking "crow" silhouetted in a tree. Of course, it was a partridge, engaged in the practice of "budding." It was feeding on those succulent buds on the tips of the branches. When there is light snow, it's good for cross-country skiing and for finding animal tracks as well. Mike has spotted spoor of fox, coyote, deer, moose, and snowshoe hare.

Speaking of snow, we have been lamenting the dearth of same, made worse by the intermittent rain and ice, which messes up what little we have. Mike looked up his snow records for this year and last. From the first measurable snowfall in November of 2004 to Dec. 31, we have had 17 inches. During the same period (October to Dec. 31, 2003) last year, we measured 53 inches. Some difference.

The red squirrel count in the back yard is up to five; they seem to be once again taking over the world. I wonder how squirrel fricassee would taste. Linda Westleigh reports

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About 400 people turned out for the seventh annual New Year's Bethel last Friday evening. At 11 p.m., many gathered on the common to watch the fireworks over the Bethel Inn. And at midnight, about 15 night owls gathered on Main Street to ring in the New Year beneath the new clock, recently erected by the Bethel Rotary Club.

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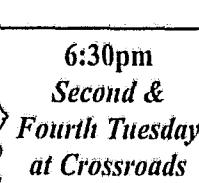
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day, Alfred and Stella had a visit from their grandnephew, Christopher West and his wife from Knoxville, Tenn. Altogether a satisfying birthday week. Congratulations on this milestone, Alfred!

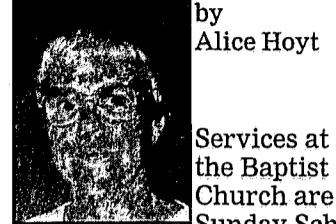
Sadly, during this last week, West Bethel had two untimely deaths. Neil Gilbert, who grew up in a house behind the post office, was killed in a tragic logging accident. He leaves a loving family with several siblings, as well as aunts, uncles, and cousins in town. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all who mourn him.

We extend condolences also to the family and friends of Andrew Boyd Bartlett, who died this past week, of cancer. His wife Kathy and son Mark are in West Bethel, and his daughter, Kelly Myers, lives in Bethel.

I would really like to hear from more of you with news. This column can't exist without news from you, so please call me at 836-3011, or e-mail

you head off over the hill. Deer tracks have appeared in the snow in areas that the deer usually winter. The turkeys are busy making their rounds. One old fellow reported seeing 16 turkeys marching along in formation near his home.

Bryant Pond



by
Alice Hoyt

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School

and Adult Bible Fellowship at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m., choir practice at 5:30 p.m. and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. is prayer meeting, and Thursday at 9 a.m. is Ladies Bible time. Jan. 18 will be the church meeting.

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at the Town Conference Room on Thursday, Jan. 6. This is a potluck dinner with each one bringing a dish to share of either salad, hot dish or dessert and your own plate and silverware. The program is Jennifer Loomis, who is a wildlife photographer. The meeting starts at 11:30 a.m. Dues are due at this meeting.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet at the Grange Hall on Saturday, Jan. 8, with a potluck dinner at noon. Monday, Jan. 10, will be a meeting of the Judith Grover 17 Daughters of Union Veterans at the home of Alice Hoyt. Installation of officers and a tasting party will be held.

Hope you all had a nice Christmas. We did. It was busy with 14 for dinner and 19 for supper, but it was very enjoyable.

The Billings family had an enjoyable Christmas with plenty of gifts, material and spiritual.

The Historical Society will meet at the Town Conference Room on Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. Town Manager Vern Maxfield will speak on changes he has seen since he has been town manager.

The Historical Society Museum has a fabulous collection of artifacts now. Wait until you see them next spring. You will be amazed.

Curator Larry Billings says he is now completely satisfied with what the museum has to offer. The society has a great future. Its museum is fine and its members work for the good of all.

If they keep on an even keel, they will make a real lasting mark in the area.

This winter you can enjoy a program at each month's meeting. Topics are carefully selected for broad appeal and informational contact. Next summer you may tour the museum. There are usually some members to help you.

Mary Billings recently received a letter from the Rev. and Mrs. Billy Graham. There also was a photo of them as

well. Larry found a model church that he bought the other day. He likes religious items.

East Stoneham



by
Eleanor
Nelson

Hi readers. Here it is news time again — Dec. 30. Next time it will be a whole new year. We hope you all have a good one.

We just got home from the doctor's office (eye doctor this time). Now we both have had both eyes operated on and all is well, but Albert will have laser surgery done in February, so he won't have to have drops in his left eye.

What miracles doctors can do nowadays. They must be so smart.

We had 16 here to supper Christmas Eve, after some of us attended church services at North Waterford. There was a good attendance there.

We always enjoy the Christmas Eve Service and it was good to have the family here. I believe there were 20 here for dinner and tree on Christmas day (even Jaffer Traish from Wisconsin). Poor Katie didn't know where to go, but she got through the holidays just fine.

She has diabetes and is blind in one eye but is still quite active. She sure looks forward to her nap with her master every day.

Shirley Grant from Mechanic Falls was with Frances Grant over the Christmas Holidays.

On Dec. 26, Christine Nelson from Winslow came to

spend the day with us. She just moved to the area from Woburn, Mass. Dale and Kitty Nelson and Sharon Berman were here also, and they made our lunch. Thanks, kids. You are such a big help.

Bradley and Jearnie Nelson from Winslow spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Allen for a Christmas Party. What fun times we all had.

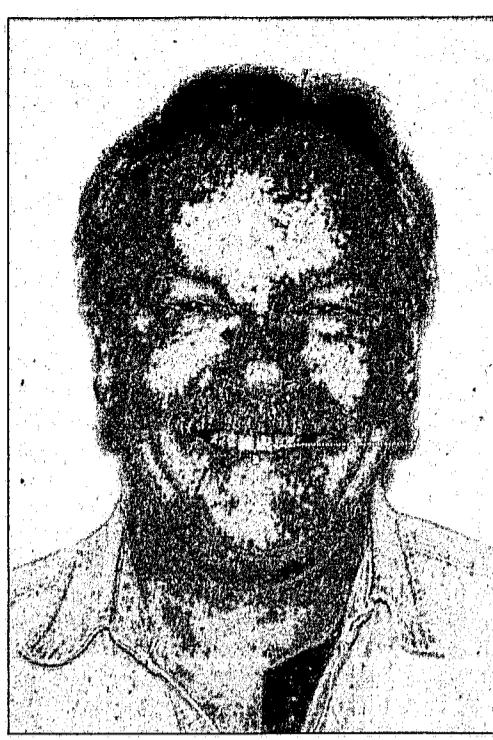
Now we have to settle down and have lighter meals, etc. (me, anyway).

The nurse practitioner told me to do that and the eye doctor told me to walk, walk, walk. So there is my New Year's resolution.

Marilyn Jones is at home now after spending several weeks in South Carolina with her two daughters, Vickie and Wanda, and their families.

Welcome home, Marilyn.

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, Frances Grant, Brenda Files and I went to Norway and,



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were at his parents' Christmas Eve.

On Sunday, Ann Holt, David, Sally and Mary Holt had dinner with Leonas and Fay.

On Tuesday, Ann Holt went to Portland shopping and found some good sales.

Quote for the Week: A new broom sweeps clean, but it takes an old one to get into the corners.

That's it for this week. Hope you had a safe and happy New Year's Day.

North Newry



by
Gil Seeley

One day recently we had dinner at Karlene Bachelor's home, Polly, Kevin and I with Nandi Scott, their apprentice, who did all the cooking, etc. Mmmmm, good.

Also another day, Karlene and I took to the road and landed in Waterville to visit with her twin sisters, Wilma and Hilma. We had a nice visit, nice lunch and return home.

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Wishing everyone a great New Year.

Gloria Crockett visited Jason Crockett and family in South Portland on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Paul and Kathy Hebert had family members visit on Christmas Eve. Lacey and her fiancé, Dan Mason, were there also.

Paul and Kathy Hebert had a quiet New Year's Eve with daughters Tanya and Lacey, and Lacey's fiancé, Dan.

Caleb Currier, Holly Roberts' son, has taken up snowboarding at Mt. Abram Ski Area and loves it.

Holly Roberts plans on moving her hair salon up to Locke Mills in the near future.

Daisy Coolidge spent New Year's Eve with Esther Wilson.

Mary Bean and Arthur Hertell spent Christmas Eve with Debbie Hertell and her daughter, Kirsten, in Rumford.

Christmas Day Arthur Hertell and Mary Bean were in Auburn with Linda Hertell and her family.

John and Penny Kittredge spent Christmas Day in Whitefield with John's mother.

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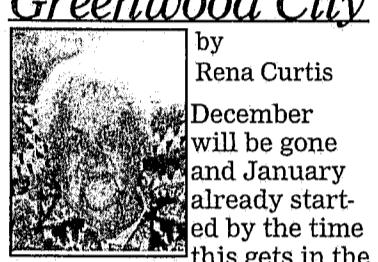
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Have a nice week everyone. God Bless the Troops.

Greenwood City



by
Rena Curtis

December will be gone and January already started by the time this gets in the paper. Hope you all had a very nice Christmas. I attended several trees and parties. I was with Al and Marie Curtis for their Christmas tree and party on Thursday evening, then I went to Freeport on Friday.

My son-in-law, Steven Cogswell, came up after me and I stayed with my daughter and husband, Lillian and Glenn Strait. We all had a good time. I came home on Sunday morning.

Carl and Betty Curtis had their family home for Christmas.

Marie Curtis and I went to Norway Monday. I had a doctor's appointment and we did some shopping.

It is sure cold; my water pipes freeze up.

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Bradley Payne and Ann Holt were at his daughter's, Beth Paradis, on Christmas Eve. His other daughter, Sarah Murray, and family joined them, as did his mother, Cora Payne.

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by
Richard
Grover

Here's hoping all you readers had a satisfying Christmas holiday and an enjoyable New Year's. Don't give up on those New Year's resolutions yet.

Mona and I had a very nice Christmas holiday, but there were a few frustrations. You know you're getting old — when you have trouble with some of the new technology. Mona gave me a new Kodak digital camera for Christmas, which really takes excellent pictures. (It's a 4 mega pixel resolution camera). I think I wrote about the difficulty I had with a HP photo printer: one of those automatic digital printers that prints pictures without using a computer. Turns out the photo printer had a design glitch that wouldn't allow the software to load into the computer properly. I had to send it back to HP for repair and have not gotten it back.

Well, I tried the Kodak "Easy Share" camera, which came with software that is supposed to make it easy to transfer your digital pictures to your computer, and then print them or send them to friends or relatives via e-mail. Well, the camera really works great, takes great pictures, and they printed out beautifully on the HP photo printer — until I sent that back to HP. But the camera batteries ran down, so I put in some Duracell Alkaline batteries. Took lots of pictures, and then decided to load the camera software into my computer. After that, I connected the camera to the computer per instructions, with the intention of printing out some photos on the computer printer. Try as I might, I could not get the photos to load into the computer. It was like a black hole. Everything seemed to work, but no pictures showed up on the screen. As a last

resort, I decided to read the camera instruction booklet — duh. Then I came upon the description of the Kodak batteries you're supposed to use with the camera, along with a warning, "Do not use Alkaline batteries in your Kodak Easy Share camera." Maybe that's my problem. I phoned Rite Aid, asking for Kodak batteries. No luck.

Then, we left for my daughter Cheryl's house in Illinois the day after Christmas. Surely I will find some Kodak camera batteries along the way. We spent the first night on the road in DuBois, Pa., where they conveniently had a Wal-Mart store just down the street from our motel. I looked for Kodak batteries there, while Mona bought some colored ribbons to finish the doll clothes she made for my granddaughters.

No batteries, but I needed a can opener to open a can of dog food for Snuffy, who traveled with us. I recently lost my Swiss Army knife, so I decided to look at a Leatherman tool and sheath as a replacement. (No ordinary can opener would do.) I noted that the Leatherman folded up nicely to fit in a small sheath, not much larger than the one I kept my Swiss army knife in. I decided to take the plunge — stainless steel, two knife blades, a saw blade, a file, four screwdriver blades, pliers, wire cutter, an awl and a can opener. Wouldn't you know it? First time I opened the tool up to get at the can opener, I cut the end of the forefinger on my right hand on the serrated knife blade — not deep, just a clean cut that bled like a stuck pig. Talk about a sharp knife. Wow! Off to a local drug store for a box of Band-aids.

Then, when we arrived at Cheryl's house, Cheryl's van pulled up the driveway, piloted by none other than my former wife. A shocker, because I had been led to believe that she would not be there. Oh, well. It turned out to be not so bad, because Cheryl and Mark's house is so big, people could spread out pretty well.

While in Illinois, we went to Best Buy to look for Kodak batteries. No just plain Kodak replacement batteries there. Only rechargeable ones, and no re-charger units to go with them. Then, on another shelf were some "Easy Share" camera docks, complete with rechargeable batteries and software to load your camera pictures into your computer. Just the ticket. I bought one and took it to Cheryl's to charge up the camera. Seemed to work really well, so we took lots more pictures. Had a great time watching the five grandchildren opening their gifts and trying to play with everything at once.

Once we got home, I decided to again try to download pictures from the camera to our computer. Reloaded the software, hooked up the camera dock, pushed the transfer button and watched the lights blink green, orange and red. But where are the pictures? Couldn't find them anywhere, anyhow or anytime. After a couple hours, I quit in disgust. Mona sympathized, and phoned her daughter, Katrina. Kate said she could come over the day after New Year's and take a look. Sure enough, she read the instruction page, turned off the camera, closed the "Kodak Easy-share" screen on the computer, and then plugged the USB cable into the computer and camera. A little logo came up on the screen, saying something like, "Camera detected. Transferring photos." And my pictures began showing up on the computer screen. Ain't technology grand!

West Paris

by
Bertha DeHaas

Our most sincere condolences go out this week to the family and friends of Ethel G. (Cook) Fitzgerald of Church Street, West Paris, who went home to God on Dec. 22, after a most brave and valiant fight with cancer. The funeral was held at the West Paris Baptist Church, with Pastor Bruce Tyner officiating. "Amazing Grace" was sung by Bruce and Jean Tyner's daughter, Melanie,

who also played the piano for the service. A buffet lunch was served afterward in the dining room.

The Sunday School of the Mission Congregational Church presented "The Christmas Story" as part of the Christmas service. They did a beautiful job. Mrs. Cynthia Immonen is the Sunday School superintendent and their director.

All three churches in our little town held Christmas Eve services: The Mission Congregational Church was at 5 p.m., Universalist-Unitarian Church was 6 p.m., and the Baptist Church service was 7 p.m. Then home to our own homes for Christmas.

On Jan. 3, our young people for the most part headed back to school until February when they will have another break.

Have noted that the area ski areas offered free skiing to some of our very active young people. I think this is great, because many cannot afford the ski fee any more. I used to be an avid skier and skater in bygone years. Miss it now that I'm older and arthritic.

Watch this column next week for the Agnes L. Gray School basketball schedule. If you have a chance, come out and support our young athletes. It is more important than you can imagine. It gives them confidence, a feeling of gladness that you care enough to come to their games and programs.

In the evening sometime dig out a board game such as Monopoly, Clue or Candy Land (depending on a child's age), pop up some popcorn, and spend an evening playing with your children, bonding with them and making good memories — moments to cherish.

There is a couple in our town by the names of Betty and Ted Jones. They have given unstintingly of their time and energy for our little town of West Paris. Whenever there has been a need they have always been there. Take for instance the West Paris Old Home Days activities. Ever since this event was reinstated in 1999 they have been extremely active workers and volunteers, as have many others, such as the Hendersons, the Roberts, the McCanns, and the Waterhouses. This has been a very successful venture with new rides, games, and

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Bubblemania

Bubblemania is effervescent entertainment that combines artistic skills, visual comedy, quick wit, and the unleashed, often unbelievable, qualities of liquid spheres, otherwise known as bubbles. On Jan. 11 join Bubble-ologist Casey Carle as he creates his bubble magic at Sunday River Ski Resort as part of the Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series.

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They have a monetary goal as well — wishing to build a footbridge that will go from Kingsbury Street, across the river and directly down to the three baseball fields. This would eliminate pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the railroad tracks and also keep kids (and adults) from having to cross four street intersections and be much safer. It could open the Harold Perham Recreation Fields up for more activity and family fun.

The first meeting of the West Paris Old Home Days Committee will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. We shall be having the election of officers and the floor will be open to all new ideas and suggestions.

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Beryl Bonney was in Waterford on Christmas Eve as a guest of John and Marsha Butters. She had breakfast with Ray and Dorene Merrill. A Christmas celebration and dinner were held at the Merrill Farm. In the evening she visited with Donita and Jim St. John and family in South Paris for a tree and gifts and a pizza supper.

Jason and Jasmine Merrill of Waterford are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Mason Ray, who weighed in at 10 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Raymond and Dorene Merrill and great-grandfather is Ivan Proctor.

Ivan Proctor has returned from Maine Medical Center where he had heart surgery and is recovering at the Veterans' Home in South Paris.

Beverly and Vince Stevens entertained at a family gathering on Christmas Eve. Present were Leana Dean, Georgia Thayer, Ann and Fred Goulding, Stacy Dean and Shawn Vehue with Mackenzie and Devyn, and Darcy Robertson.

On Saturday morning, they entertained Muriel and Steve Bunker and Chris, Stacy Dean and Shawn, Flora and Bruce Thayer, Florence Lawrence, Roger and Beverly Thayer, Georgia Thayer and Lee Dean.

Beverly Stevens is ill with pneumonia and a virus. She has been busy entertaining all the family but stayed at home for Christmas Day while Vince was in New Gloucester for a tree and dinner with his family.

Grandson Kennie Lamb is home after completing basic

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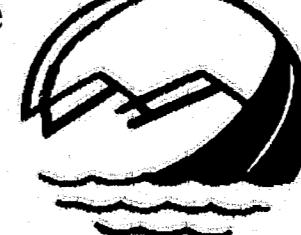
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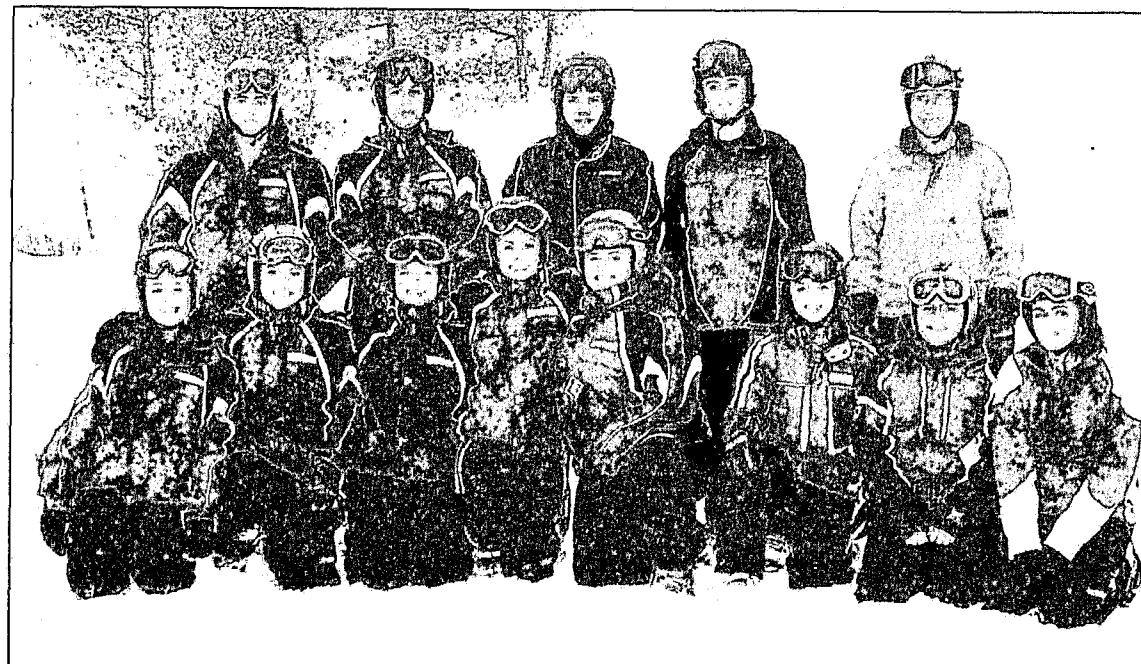


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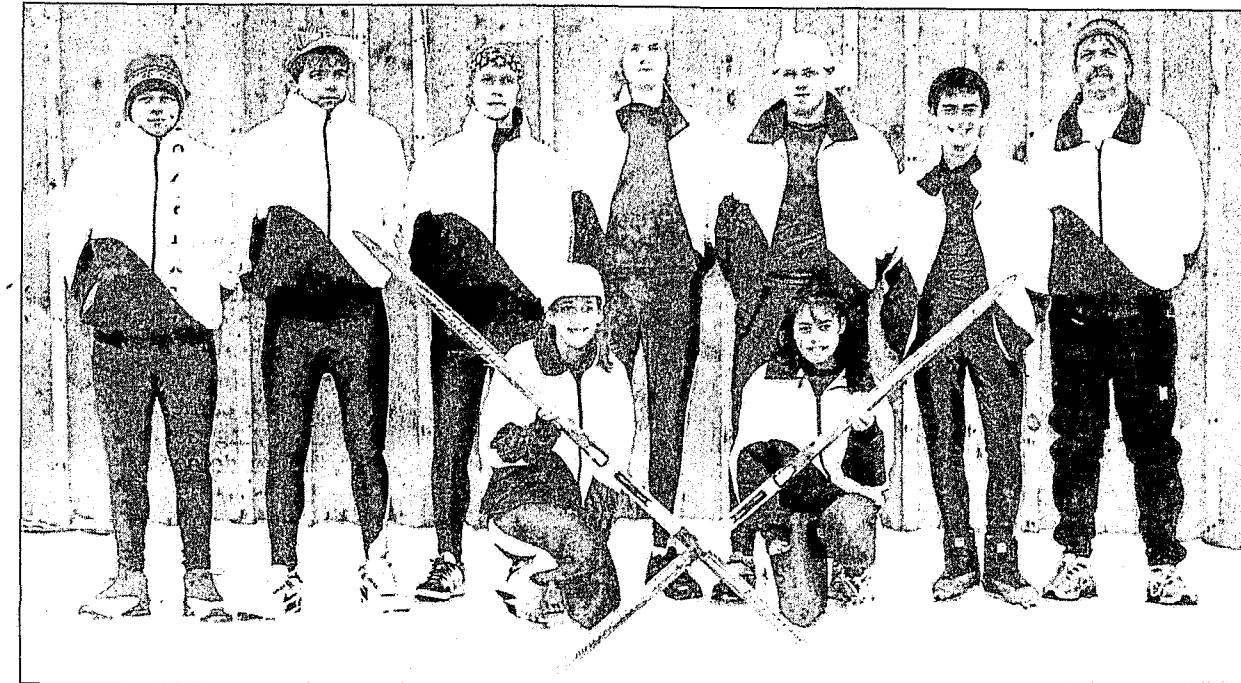
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TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2004-2005 SNOWBOARDING
Front: Tommy Bourdeau, Desiree Cox, J.J. Whitman, Marco Stefano, Eric Berard, Chelsea Bean, coach Jeremy. Back: Will Caswell, Andrew Raymond, Mike Dailey, Bryan Clark, Evan Hutchinson, Thomas Henley, Ross Parker. Absent: Keith Savage, Allen Savage, Gavin Parker, Jeff Benson, Mike Hart, Erica Myers, Danielle Henley, Heather McAllister.



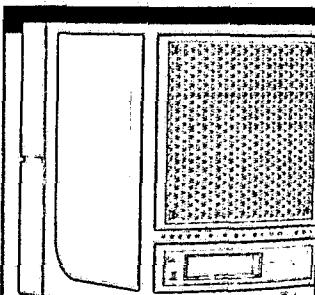
TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2004-2005 ALPINE SKIING
Front: Whitney James, Margaret Duplessis, Heather Gionet, Jessica James, Riley Gilbert, Jen DeNormandie, Julia Stambolis, Britney Merrill. Back: Stephen Scotti, Mike Brown, Mark Emerson, Jacob DeNormandie, Paul Saucier.
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TELSTAR HIGH SCHOOL 2004-2005 CROSS COUNTRY SKIING
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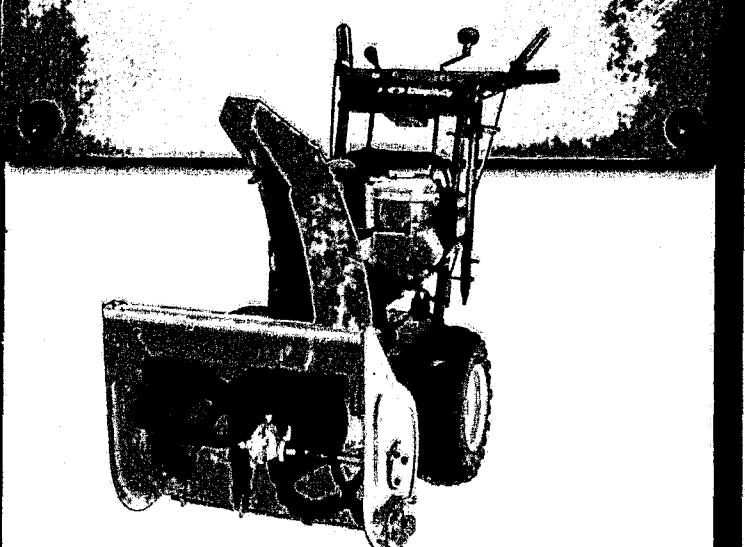
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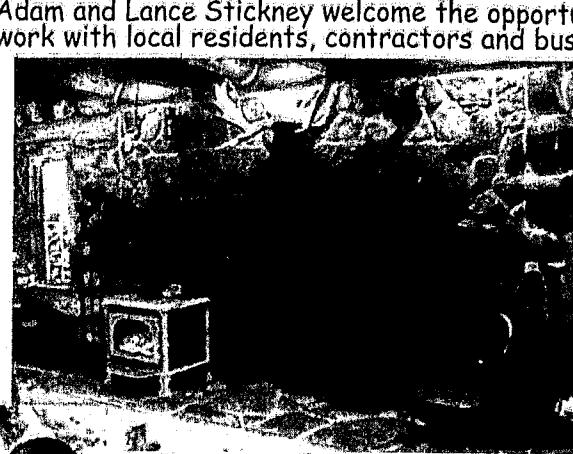


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School Lunch

Week of January 10

Telstar Lunches

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 Tuesday: Hot turkey sandwich, gravy, veggies, Hawaiian pizza, chicken parm melt.
 Wednesday: Your own small pizza, salad, sausage pizza, chicken teriyaki bulky.
 Thursday: Meatball sub w/cheese and sauce, tater tots, veggies, brownies, brochette pizza, pepperoni pizza wrap.
 Friday: Bacon cheeseburger, french fries, hot meatball sub, bacon pizza.

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 Tuesday: Pizza stick, broccoli, sliced pears, milk.
 Wednesday: Beef ravioli, bread/butter, green beans, oatmeal cookie, milk.
 Thursday: Egg and cheese omelet, fruit juice, sausage patty, applesauce, milk.
 Friday: Cheeseburger, whole kernel corn, sliced peaches, milk.

School Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 81, Monmouth 45; Jan. 3— Telstar's Sean Caddigan had 20 points and Ryan Savage 16 in a win over Monmouth. Other scorers: Ryan Kimball (11); August Reiss (10); Josh Longway (10); Matt Zinchuk (6); Louis Thornton (3); Kevin Gallagher (3); Terry Collins (2). Caddigan had two three-pointers.

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 52, Monmouth 49; Jan. 3— Telstar's Bailey Davis had 15 points and Nola Wentworth 11 in a win over Monmouth. Other scorers: Liz Rosenberg (9); Jillian Kimball (8); Chea Davis (5); Josie Reiss (2); Kelsey Dole (2). Bailey Davis and Kimball each had a three-pointer.



TOTALLY TRADES PARTICIPANTS—Five Telstar High School girls recently participated in an all-day conference titled "Totally Trades: Women in the Trades" in Bangor. Located at the Regional Vocational Center, the all-girls' conference provided the opportunity for young women to see what employment would be like in the varied trades across the state. Approximately 150 girls attended the conference and all of them received a hard hat, lunch pail and a Totally Trades T-shirt. In addition, workshops were available throughout the day that included careers in crane operation, truck driving, law enforcement, construction, automotive repair, electrical and computer engineering, fire fighting, ambulance, survey engineering, culinary arts and locksmithing. The girls in this picture are from left to right: Candy Carmichael, Rachel Gigliotti, Erica Myers, Stephanie Tripp and Tasha Vasik.



FOOTBALL HISTORY—Tim Remington puts up new football banners in the Telstar High School gym. Volunteers made 57 new banners representing the 82 sports championships won by Rebel teams over the last 35 years.

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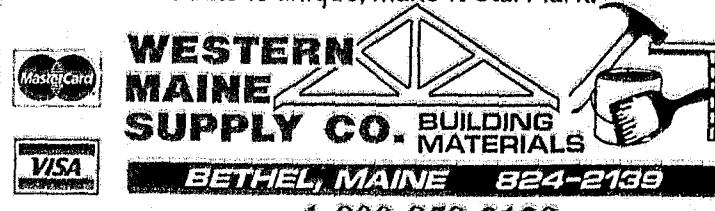
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training in Georgia.

Joyce Lamb entertained Peggy Lamb and husband Mike Seaton of Augusta and Wendy Lamb and husband Bill Hayes from Oakland, Ore. at Christmas dinner. Then they joined the rest of the Lamb family in Auburn for a tree and exchange of gifts.

Wendy Lamb and I were in Bethel to get our hair trimmed at Sally's and to shop at Nana's gift shop at the Bethel Citizen.

Georgia Thayer celebrated her 94th Birthday at the home of Vince and Beverly Stevens with a gathering of her family. Those wishing her well were Muriel, Lisa and Chris Bunker, Roger and Beverly Thayer, Bruce and Flora Thayer, Lee Dean, and Ann Goulding. Cake and ice cream sundaes were served.

Wendy and Joyce Lamb were in Augusta for the day

Saturday to visit Peggy Lamb and Jude from Lamoine. Of course we had to do a little shopping. I bought three boxes of Christmas cards with cats for next year. Peggy's puppy, Mazie, was glad to see us and entertained with her new squeaky toy "Grammie" had given her for Christmas. She has learned to squeak it in different areas to get three sounds from it. She does this a lot even waking the family in the middle of the night. So she now has to go to bed without it. She does have soft toys to sleep with though so isn't lonesome.

The wind and bitter cold is too much for Buffy. He does go out but wants in right away.

Andover
by Melinda Averill

Happy 2005! Hard to believe isn't it?

Guests of Ruby Kulpa for

the week of Christmas were her two sons from Colorado, Frank and David.

On Christmas Day her daughter from Upton and her granddaughter, Monica, visited. Ruby is a new resident of North Andover.

Wishing a speedy get well to my neighbor Dave Waterhouse, who had the misfortune of sliding off East B Hill Road on Friday afternoon. That was the day we got all the rain, and of course up this way it was icy.

Happy belated birthday to Ed Palmer (a New Year's baby).

Dog owners — don't forget to register your dog if you haven't already; the deadline was Dec. 31. The town office and the dump are back to normal hours this week, after being changed during the holidays.

On Wednesday, I went to Portland with my sister, Peg, to bring her daughter to the

airport. We went shopping at the Mall and of course went out to eat. We usually go to Panera Bread but this time we tried Ruby Tuesdays. It was OK.

A Geography Bee will be held at the school tonight, Thursday, Jan. 6, at 6 p.m. Why not break up the week and come out and watch. The ten finalists are Jacob Huff, Drew Hutchins, Sam Perham, Jennifer Putnam, Adam Maher, Carson McKay, Izaak Mills, Randy Morin, Harley Wheeler and Erich Zurhorst.

The fifth-graders are having their bottle drive on Saturday starting at 9 a.m. If you have bottles but aren't going to be home, or if they happen to miss your house, you can leave them on the porch at the school.

That's all the news for this week

Have a good weekend and wish for snow.

Waterford



by Rockie Graham
Hope all had a great New Year's Eve. We had a quiet one, by choice.

I awakened Dave at 11:45 to

ring in the New Year. That seemed about right.

Now that 2005 is here, we can all make the changes we want. That is the theory, anyway. I am trying to keep my resolutions. It is not easy, but no one ever said it would be easy. Will let you know if I prevail.

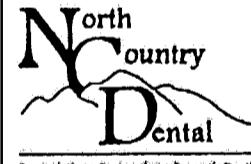
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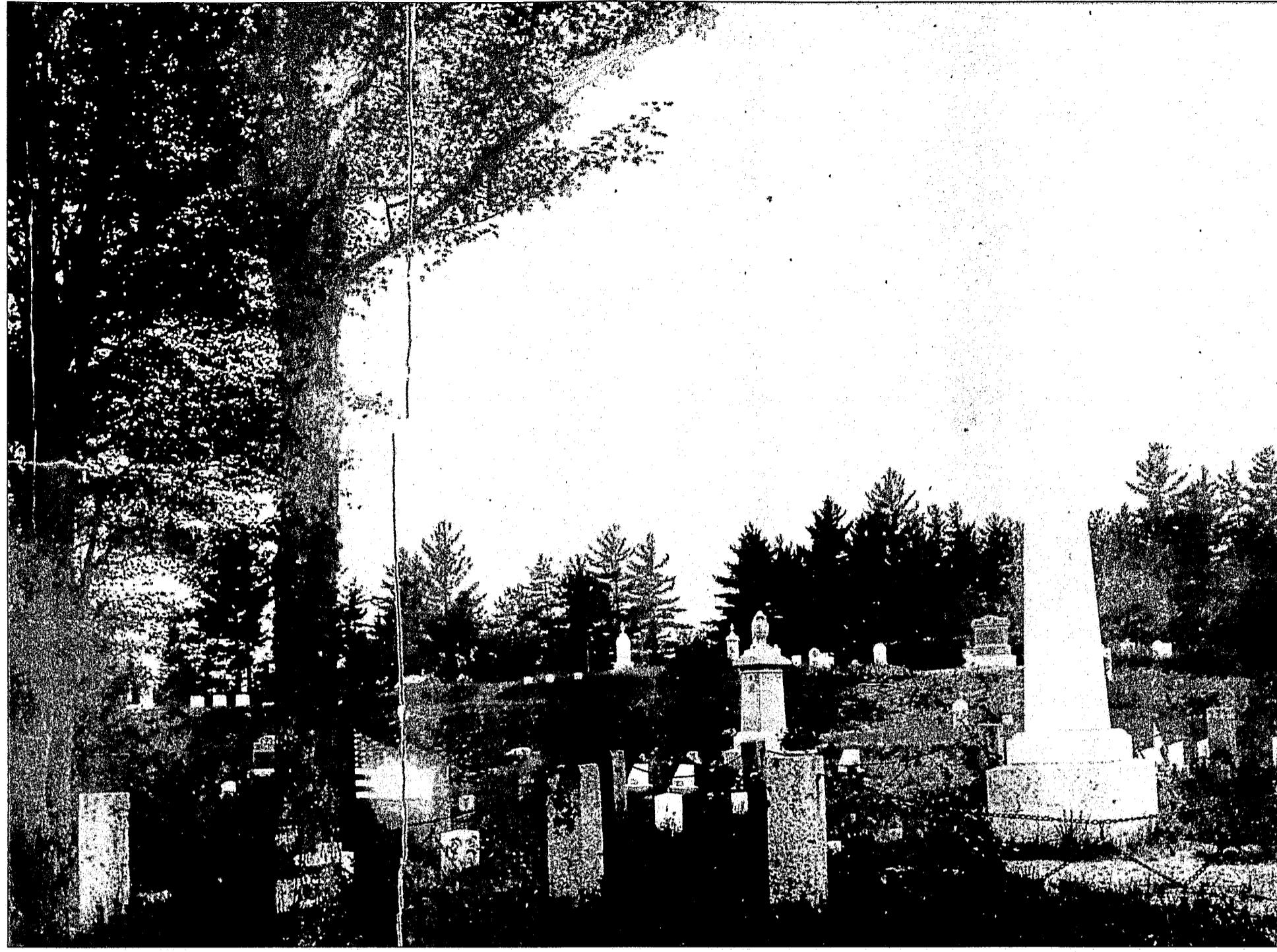
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On Jan 8, the Ball Field Project will be holding another bottle drive. So save those New Year's Eve bottles. Call Jeff and Corrinna Beebe at 583-2724, or Tom and Sam Murch at 583-2553. They will tell you where to bring the bottles or may even arrange to have them picked up.

I finally gave up traveling long distances to get my hair cut in Bryant Pond. I traveled to Theresa's because she did such a good job and because she did my hair for my wedding. But the travel was keeping me from getting my hair cut and my bangs were out of control. So I asked around and Becky referred me to Paula. She cut my hair last week and did a great job. I will be going there in the future. Thanks, Paula.

Our beautiful new green roof is done. The snow we've had has given us an idea of how well it will work — great. The snow comes tumbling off in the wind. The rain helped too. I was a little worried because there is no heat in one end of the house, right now, but it worked great. No more shoveling the roof. Not that I ever went up there.

I want to think all those people who have been recycling. It really makes a difference. Cardboard weighs a lot and at the per-ton rate to dispose of it, we save a lot by recycling it, instead. We are also recycling metal, plastic (#2 only), glass, aluminum cans, tin and newspaper and non-corrugated cardboard (cereal boxes, wrapping paper, egg cartons, etc.). If anyone has questions, ask an attendant.

I want to thank Virginia for the hat and dickey. It is just the thing for staying warm, while working in the cold. It fits perfectly and the visor keeps the sun out of my eyes.

The town of Waterford is advertising for an extra attendant at the Transfer Station. Please be aware that the position requires being out in the cold, sometimes for long periods of time. It is no longer a stay-in-your-car position. Attendants must help with recycling, the compactor, the

metal pile and the construction debris. As soon as the ice melts it will require cleaning up the metal pile and it always involves keeping the place free of spilled nails and glass. Our last attendant left because of the cold, so I can't emphasize enough that attendants need to be prepared for cold weather.

Our newest grandson was born Dec. 28. Carter Hart came in at 8 pounds, 10 ounces. No slouch that one. He is healthy and lively. We expect to see him riding 4-wheelers and trucks in the near future. Congratulations, Carrie and Dan.

From the

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Dec. 31 dawned cloudy with freezing rain for the 7th annual New Year's Bethel, but by 4 p.m., when the Ecumenical Vesper Service and the children's crafts commenced at the Bethel Congregational Church, rising temperatures had melted most of the ice on sidewalks and streets. A family potluck supper followed the vesper service and children's craft session. The children's Dragon Parade moved around the town common just prior to the lighting of the community fire for roasting marshmallows at 6:30 p.m. At about this time at Gould Academy's Bingham Gym on Church Street, Boy Scout Troop 565 began serving soup, hot dogs, etc., at their food court until 10:30 p.m.

At 7 p.m. the horse and wagon rides began around the common and down Church Street. Also at that time venues at the Dr. Moses Mason House (folk musicians The Hoboheims), the Congregational Church (Maine Humorist Norbert Twichell), and Bingham Auditorium (magician and mime Michael Cooper) began their performances. A contra dance featuring Ti' Acadie began at 8:15 p.m. at Bingham



LINDSEY RECEIVES PSYCHOLOGY CERTIFICATION

Christine Lindsey of Woodstock, the school psychological service provider for SAD44, has met the standards for becoming a Nationally Certified School Psychologist, according to the National Association of School Psychologists. Lindsey has been a special education teacher in SAD44 for the past six years. Before that she was employed for three years as a counselor for the University of New Hampshire, and was an elementary teacher in Milan, N.H. for six years. She is a 1988 graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington (BS in education) and of the University of Southern Maine (MS in school psychology).

From

Maine Handicapped Skiing

Maine Handicapped Skiing, celebrating its 23rd season, is looking for participants to take part in its winter adaptive recreational program starting Jan. 3. Adults and children with physical disabilities interested in learning to downhill or cross-country ski, snowboard or snowshoe are encouraged to contact MHS right away.

All lessons are free of charge and are offered at four locations: Sunday River Ski Resort, Sugarloaf/USA (weekends only), Sunday River Inn and Cross Country Ski Center and Pineland Farms, New Gloucester (for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing).

In 2004, over 360 volunteers taught 1,300 lessons to 250 adults and children with physical disabilities on the slopes and trails. MHS attracts program participants from all over the state of Maine, New England, Canada and even as far away as Great Britain.

Interested people are required to fill out an application and submit a physician's statement to the MHS office.

If you have a physical disability or have a friend or family member who is physically disabled, please call Maine Handicapped Skiing today at (800) 639-7770 to learn more about its winter adaptive recreation program. You can also go to the Maine Handicapped Skiing Website www.skimhs.org to learn more about the program and get information on program guidelines, criteria, applications and physician statements.

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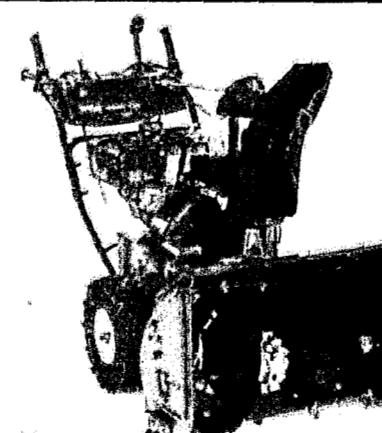


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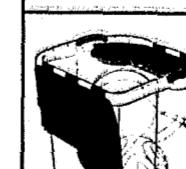
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9 a.m. (Fridays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 449 Main Street, Norway. All bridge players invited to attend and bring a friend or two. Refreshments. For more information, call Mimi Bell (743-8081) or Rowena Palmer (743-2882) or e-mail bridge@megalink.net.

Thursdays, Jan. 6-Feb. 17 — Positive Parenting sponsored by Community Concepts 9:30 to 11 a.m. in Rumford. FMI: call Melissa Wakefield (364-3721 ext. 3515).

Fridays, Jan. 11-Feb. 15 — Positive Parenting sponsored by Community Concepts 9:30 to 11 a.m. in Spain Paris. FMI: call Melissa Wakefield (364-3721 ext. 3515).

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Every Wednesday, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. — Spirit Wings Meditation Class, 57 Main Street, Bethel. Donations accepted.

Thursday, January 6

Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting/potluck dinner at the town conference room. Each one is to bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share and their own plate and silverware. Program: Jennifer Loomis of Greenwood, who is a wildlife photographer. Dues are due at this meeting. New members are always welcome.

7 to 10 p.m. — Swingin' Bears Square Dance Club dance at Oxford Hills Middle School, Pine Street, South Paris. FMI: contact Sue Corning (743-7176) or Eleanor Herrick (782-4050).

7:30 p.m. — The Borealis Wind Quintet will be presented by Gould Academy's Performing Arts Series at Bingham Hall, Church Street, Bethel. Tickets: \$6 for adults and \$4 for students at door. FMI: 824-3575.

Saturday, January 8

1 to 3 p.m. — Introduction to Snowshoeing at Cornwall Preserve, Paris Hill Road, Paris, just past Mink Farm Road on left and just past the cemetery on right. A Celebrating Father Project. Free. Bring own snowshoes if possible; if not, they will be provided. Best for children ages 5 and up. Sign up now by calling 583-2803 (leave name and phone number). Snow date Jan. 9, same time.

4:30 to 7 p.m. — Public Supper at Rock-O-Dundee Rider's Club House, Paine Road, East Oxford. Complete dinners. Cost: fried clams \$10, fried shrimp, \$9, fried haddock \$8, chicken fingers \$7 cooked by Lost Gull Restaurant in Welchville.

5:30 p.m. — Public Supper at Bethel United Methodist Church. Menu: baked beans, hot dishes, salads, pie, rolls, beverage. Adults, \$6; under 12, \$2.50.

8 to 11 p.m. — Old Fashioned Dance at Locke Mills Town Hall, with music by the Richard Felt Orchestra. Proceeds benefit Greenwood Historical Society.

Sunday, January 9

9 a.m. — Bottle Drive by Andover fifth-graders. If you have bottles but aren't going to be home, or if they happen to miss your house, you can leave them on the porch at the school.

2 p.m. — Tom Dean, folk/rock singer/guitarist and Tom Yoder on mandolin and fiddle will perform at St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Tickets: \$10 at door. FMI or membership information: (603) 752-1028.

Monday, January 10

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Flu Shot Clinic at Bethel Family Health Center. Cost: \$10 (excluding Medicaid).

Tuesday, January 11

6:30 p.m. — Bethel Lions Club meeting at Cross Roads Diner and Deli, Bethel.

7 p.m. — Bubblemania, presented by Black Diamond Family Entertainment Series at the Grand Ballroom, Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River Ski Resort, Newry. Tickets: \$4/\$6 kids (6-12), \$6/\$8 adults. FMI: 824-3575.

Wednesday, January 12

11 a.m. — Bethel Senior Citizens Club will meet at Bethel Methodist Church for a potluck dinner. Members will bring dish to share plus \$3, or if no food to share, \$5. Dues payable at this meeting.

4:30 to 6 p.m. — At McLaughlin Gardens, South Paris: Slide Show Spectacular about how plants got their names, by Harriet Robinson, archaeologist. Members, \$8; nonmembers, \$12. Pre-register by calling 743-8820.

Thursday, January 13

7 p.m. — Newry Volunteer Fire Department public informational meeting about Residential Sprinkling will be held at the Newry Town Office.

Friday, January 14

Noon to 6 p.m. — Blood Drive at South Paris Legion Hall. Call Marilyn Ramsay at 743-5723 for details. Walk-ins are welcome.

7 to 8 p.m. — "The Journey Through Depression" with Janet Willie, Bridges to Health and Healing free lecture at Crescent Park School cafeteria. FMI: e-mail Gary at bahvets@megalink.net.

Saturday, January 15

5 p.m. — Fiddlers Contest and Dance at Bridgton Town Hall to benefit Lakes Environmental Association in Bridgton. Bluegrass Picking Jam, 5 p.m. Fiddlers contest, 7 p.m. Cash prizes for Best Bluegrass Band, Best Adult Fiddlers and Best Youth Fiddlers (under age 16). Dance starts 9 p.m. with music of Windy Ridge Band. Admission: \$12 per person, \$20 per couple, and \$6 for



LELAND FAULKNER'S WORLD OF WONDER COMES TO THE ODFELLOW ON JANUARY 15

Leland Faulkner's *World of Wonder* is a dream in action. Classic conjuring, fantastic tales, light-hearted humor, pantomime, and stunning shadowplay, create Leland Faulkner's theatrical feast. His performances are constantly evolving, embracing improvisation, and encouraging the magic of wonder. Through his explorations of myth and magic, Leland Faulkner has created groundbreaking visual theatre. This process starts when seemingly simple objects are given the gift of animation and an extra dimension through the use of light. For example pieces of paper filled with movement become butterflies dancing and multiplying; shadows take on a life of their own in an imaginative exploration of light. Creative use of visual effects exposes the audience a contemporary view of ancient art forms, including Japanese art, shadow theatre, illusion techniques, folk tales from around the world as well as original works and original theatrical special effects. The resulting performance product is like no other. Tickets are \$10-Adults, \$8-Seniors, \$6 children 12 & under. Show time is 7:30 P.M.

children under age 16. Tickets available at Cool Moose, Bridgton, at LEA office, and at the door. FMI: contact Peter Lowell (647-8580), lakes@megalink.net, or David Lee (647-2550).

7:30 p.m. — At Oddfellow Theater, Buckfield: Leland Faulkner's "World of Wonder." Classic conjuring, fantastic tales, light-hearted humor, pantomime, and stunning shadowplay. Tickets: \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors; \$6 for 12 and under, available at Northeast Bank, Buckfield, or call 336-3306 Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Visa and MasterCard accepted. Doors open 7 p.m. FMI: www.oddfellow.com.

Wednesday, January 19

6:30 p.m. — Western Maine Beekeeper's Association annual Beekeeping School registration at Mountain Valley High School, Rumford. Cost: \$25 for 12 weeks of classes includes books and handouts. FMI: contact Carol Cottrell at 364-0917.

Saturday, January 22

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Creative Endeavors, sponsored by Oxford Mill End

Store at Robinson Mfg. Company, Oxford (snow date: Jan. 29). Local artisans, crafters and merchants will provide demos in quilting, rug braiding, basket weaving, paper piecing, painting, penny rugs, applique, spinning, jewelry artists, card making, scrap booking and much more. Free admission, light refreshments, door prizes. Sign up for classes at a later date. FMI: 539-4451 or 539-4481.

7:30 p.m. — At Oddfellow Theater, Buckfield: Jerks of Grass — bluegrass music by Jason Phelps, Ronnie Gallant, Carter Logan, Tom Jacques. Tickets: \$10 all seats, available at Northeast Bank, Buckfield, or call 336-3306 Wednesday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Visa and MasterCard accepted. Doors open 7 p.m. FMI: www.oddfellow.com.

Sunday, January 23

2 p.m. — North Country Variety Show at St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Tickets: \$10 at door. FMI or membership information: (603) 752-1028.

Support Services

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Closed Women's Speaker/Discussion Meeting, Tuesdays at 6:30 at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Step Meeting, Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church.

Big Book, People Who Need People Group. Open/reading/discussion. Wednesdays from 6-7pm at the Bethel Alliance Church, Route 26. (entrance in rear.)

Al-Anon Meeting Mondays at 8pm at the Oxford Advent Christian Church (use the north side entrance of the church)

ALCOHOL/DRUG TREATMENT
Community Concepts' Alcohol & Drug Counseling Program is now accepting appointments in Bethel every Thursday and Friday. MaineCare welcome, DEEP certified. Call 364-3721 for appointment. Community Concepts is a non-profit organization with a mission to "help people build opportunities for a better tomorrow."

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MS SUPPORT GROUP

Meets the first Friday of the month from 1-2:30pm at the West Parish Congregational Church, next to Gould Academy. For more information, call Gale Tout at 836-2900.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Meets Tuesday in the conference room at the Mexico Congregational UCC ("The Green Church"), 153 Main Street, Mexico. Everything spoken and heard here is confidential. Anyone trying to cope with the loss of a loved one is welcome. FMI call Sue Byam at 364-8185

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesdays each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Wednesdays at the church.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Pastor Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 a.m. followed by coffee fellowship. Tuesday - Sunday School 3:45: All are welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor John O'Keefe. Morning worship at 10:30, Sunday School, 9:30. Wednesday bible study and prayer meeting 6:30 p.m., Route 5, S. Andover. 392-1212.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Pastor Kevin Bellinger (824-2289). 10 am. worship. Sunday School at 9 am. Kidz Klub and Youth Group at 5:30pm. Evening Service (will resume in January) at 6 pm. on Wednesdays. Prayer fellowship 7 pm. on Wednesdays.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason. 9:30 am. Sunday School (2 hours, including recreation activities; call 824-4028 for transportation). 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-2289. FMI: 824-5896.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman. 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0550.

Our Lady of the Snows - Mass - Saturday 4:30 p.m. Pastor: Rev. Gerald A. Levesque. 743-2606.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross. Pastor 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. There is also an adult study group during Sunday School.

West Bethel Union - a.m. worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-2844 or 836-2882. Rev. Earl H. Bell.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Don Steffen. 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship. Awana Clubs. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

East STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish - North Waterford Congregational Church & Stoneham Congregational Church - Sunday worship services 10 a.m. at North Waterford (through winter). Sunday School, 10 a.m. Second Sunday. Vesper Service, 7pm at North Waterford. 678-6782 for more information.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)

Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripple Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday services at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.; Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris

On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Fellowship hour will follow the service. Fellowship lunch will be held the

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levien. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2851.

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Pastor Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 a.m. followed by coffee fellowship. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Pastor: Rev. Walter R. Brown. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m.

CABLE LINE-UP

2 PEG	Public	13 CBS - WGME	24 FOX Sports Net.	35 FOX News	45 Comedy Central	55 HGTV - Home & Garden	65 BET - Black
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4 FOX	WFPO	15 Home Shopping Network	26 ESPN-2	Network	47 USA	57 Travel Channel	66 ABC Family
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6 NBC	WCSH	17 Shop NBC	28 MTV - Music Television	39 CNBC	49 Oxygen	59 Hallmark	68 Disney Channel
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THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 6, 2005

			7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	WWE SmackDown!		News							
(32)	Smallville		Movie: "Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey"	Whose?	Whose?							
(6)	207 Mag	Seinfeld	Joey Committed	Will-Grace	Will-Grace	Medium						
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	life as we know it	Extreme Makeover	PrimeTime Live							
(10)	News-Lehrer		Old House Made In	Antiques Roadshow	Natural-Christn	Charlie Rose						
(22)	PGA Golf	Mercedes Championships - First Round			SportsCenter							
(34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn	MXC	MXC	Trivia	MXC	MXC	MXC				
(13)	Ent. Tonight	The Insider	Wickedly Perfect	CSI: Crime Scn	Without a Trace							
(41)	Tailgate	Football	Best Damn Sports Show Period	Sports List	Sports	College Basketball						
(15)	"The Transporter" Cont'd	Inside the NFL	Movie: "Welcome to Mooseport"		Thinking XXX							
(17)	Sister, Sis.	So Raven	Movie: "Model Behavior"	Kim	Lizzie	Sister, Sis.	Even	Boy World				
(18)	Movie: "Down Periscope"		Movie: "Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat"	Movie: "The Godfather, Part III"								
(20)	1975 World Series - Red Sox vs. Reds - Game 3				SportsDesk	SportsPlus	ESPNNews					
(44)	Movie: "Deep Family Secrets"		Movie: "Three Secrets"		The Nanny	Golden						
(5)	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Movie: "The Sweetest Thing"		"Blast From the Past"						
(24)	Neutron	Oddparents	SpongeBob Romeo	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne			
(25)	Force 10 from Navarone	Movie: "MacArthur"				Movie: "Battle of the Bulge"						
(26)	Medical Investigation	Law & Order: SVU	Movie: "Meet the Parents"			Out of Sight						
(27)	American Justice	Cold Case Files	The First 48		Dog	Crossing Jordan						
(12)	Will-Grace	Home Imp.	In the Heat of the Night		WGN News at Nine	Becker	Becker					
(39)	Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight							

MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 10, 2005

			7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	One	Half & Half	Girlfriends	Second	News					
(32)	Smallville		Movie: "She Gets What She Wants"				Brat Camp					
(6)	207 Mag	Seinfeld	Fear Factor		Las Vegas	Medium						
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	How'd They Do That?		The Bachelorette							
(10)	News-Lehrer		Antiques Roadshow		American Experience							
(22)	College Basketball: Syracuse at Notre Dame				College Basketball: Connecticut at Oklahoma		SportsCenter					
(34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn			WWE Raw							
(13)	Ent. Tonight	The Insider	Still	Listen Up	Raymond	Two Men	CSI: Miami					
(41)	NBA Basketball: Orlando Magic at Boston Celtics				Postgame	Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show				
(15)	"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" Cont'd				Deadwood	Deadwood		"Welcome to Mooseport"				
(17)	Sister, Sis.	So Raven	Movie: "Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century"		Lizzie	Sister, Sis.	Even	Boy World				
(18)	"Coming to America"		Movie: "Gothika"		On Set	Movie: "American Wedding"						
(20)	1975 World Series - Red Sox vs. Reds - Game 4				SportsDesk	Camo Cnt	ESPNNews					
(44)	Movie: "No Higher Love"				Movie: "Dawn Anna"			How Clean	How Clean			
(5)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Family Guy	Family Guy	Movie: "Nothing to Lose"			
(24)	Neutron	Oddparents	SpongeBob Drake	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Roseanne			
(25)	Every Which		Movie: "A Civil Action"				Movie: "Terms of Endearment"					
(26)	The Biggest Loser	Law & Order: SVU	Movie: "The Siege"						Law SVU			
(27)	American Justice	Airline	Airline	Gotti	Gotti		Caesars 24/7					
(12)	Will-Grace	Home Imp.	Movie: "Missing in Action"		WGN News at Nine	Becker	Becker					
(39)	Anderson Cooper 360	Paula Zahn Now	Larry King Live	NewsNight-Aaron Brown	Lou Dobbs Tonight							

FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 7, 2005

			7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Star Trek: Enterprise	Stardom-Missy Elliott	News							
(32)	Smallville		Movie: "The Sandlot"		Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club					
(6)	207 Mag	Seinfeld	Dateline NBC	Third Watch	Medical Investigation	News						
(8)	Fortune	Jeopardy!	8 Rules	8 Rules	Hope	Less Than	20/20	News				
(10)	News-Lehrer		Wash Wk	Maine.	Summer	Keeping Up	On the Up	Wall	NOW	Smiley		
(22)	PGA Golf: Mercedes Championships - Second Round				SportsCenter	NBA Basketball: Rockets at Lakers						
(34)	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn		Untold	CSI: Crime Scn	CSI: Crime Scn						
(13)	Ent. Tonight	The Insider	Joan of Arcadia	JAG	Cold Case	News						
(41)	Tailgate	NBA Basketball: Detroit Pistons at Boston Celtics		Sports	Sports	Best Damn Sports Show						
(15)	Inside the NFL	Movie: "X2: X-Men United"		Movie: "From Dusk Till Dawn"								
(17)	Phil	So Raven	Movie: "Toy Story"	Movie: "Toy Story"		Recess	Boy World					
(18)	"Blind Side" Cont'd	Movie: "Bruce Almighty"		Movie: "You Got Served"								
(20)	College Hockey: Boston University at Northeastern	Hockey			SportsDesk	SportsPlus	ESPNNews					
(44)	Movie: "Sweet Temptation"		Movie: "The Object of My Affection"		Movie: "Serendipity"	Movie: "Serendipity"						
(5)	Raymond	Raymond	Friends	Friends	Movie: "Serenity"							
(24)	Neutron	Oddparents	Phantom	Robot	SpongeBob Oddparents	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby			
(25)	2 Mules-Sara		Movie: "Easy Rider"		Movie: "Manhunter"							
(26)	Law Order: CI	Law & Order: SVU	Monk		Monk		Law Order: CI					
(27)	American Justice	Biography	Biography		Biography</							

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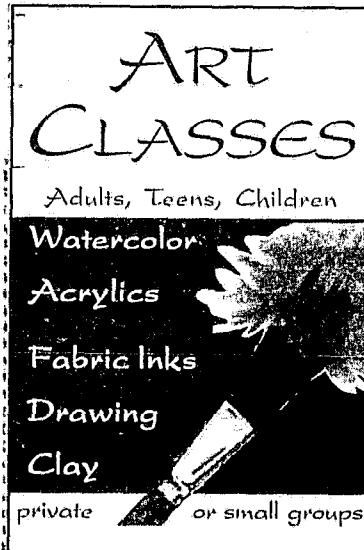
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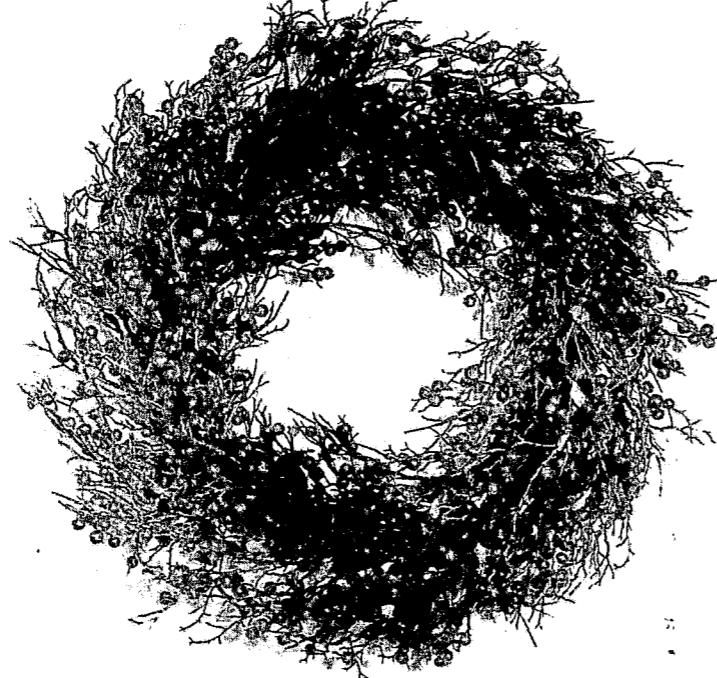
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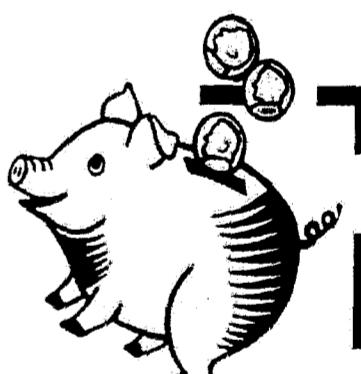
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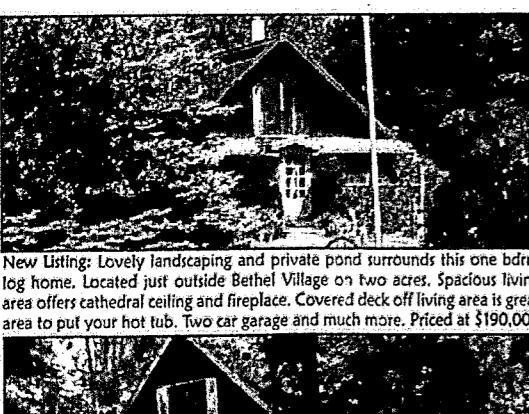
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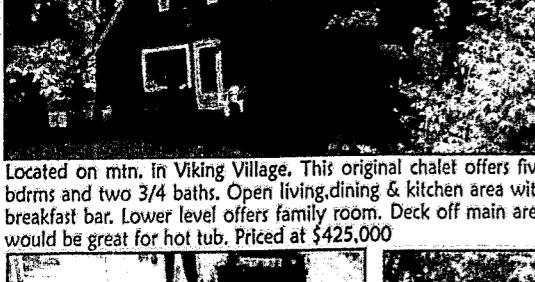
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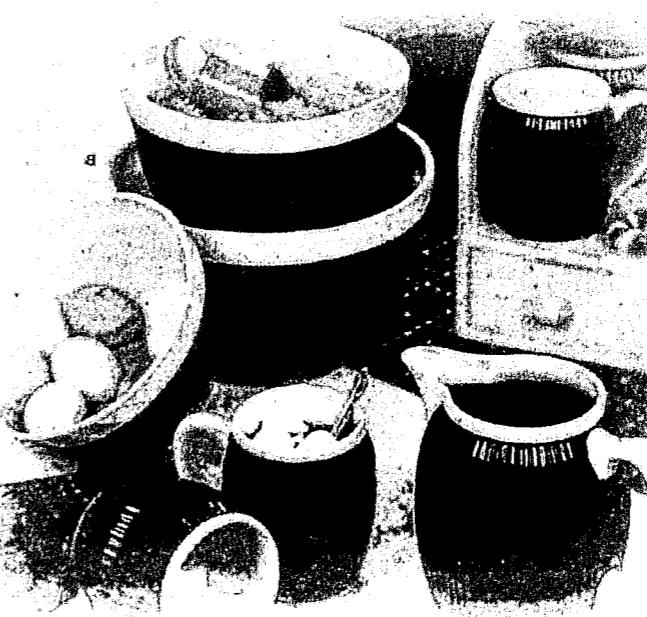
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complaints and resolutions to complaints outlined in the Reliability Report. Ask friends and family for their recommendations as well, and be wary of recommendations by someone vested in the interest of closing the sale.

Compare costs between inspectors, but do not make this your main concern. The goal is to hire an inspector who values the safety, health, and welfare of the public, and seeks no financial gain from the sale of the home. Avoid deals that seem

too good to be true, as you might be setting yourself up for a low quality inspection or even a scam.

Ask potential inspectors about their licensing, professional experience and training, membership in professional associations, and general knowledge. Also ask how long the inspection may take. The normal amount is between two and five hours, and a shorter time period may reflect an inspection that is not thorough.

The home inspector will present a written report detailing any findings. Understand and agree on the format of the report before the inspection. The report is an important tool when

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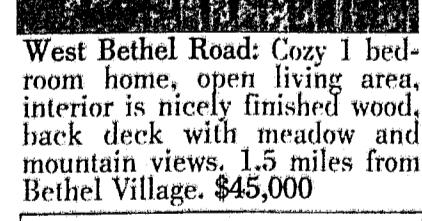


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West Bethel Road: 3 bedroom home, first floor laundry, pined living area, bright sunny kitchen. Great back yard with views. \$65,000



West Bethel Road: Cozy 1 bedroom home, open living area, interior is nicely finished wood, back deck with meadow and mountain views. 1.5 miles from Bethel Village. \$45,000

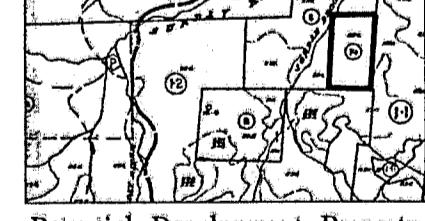
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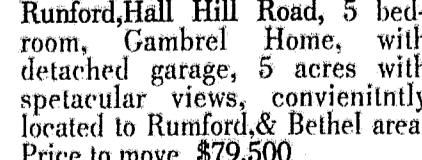


3.38 acre lot located a little over 5 miles out of Bethel village on Vernon St./Route 35. This area has a lot to offer in the way of recreation 2 ski resorts near by, lots of trails for x-c skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. Build your get-away cabin here for tons of winter fun! Offered @ \$38,500

Potential Development Property, near Sunday River Golf Course, everything you expect from mountain acreage, views, brook, wildlife, wooded, and unorganized taxes. Call for details.



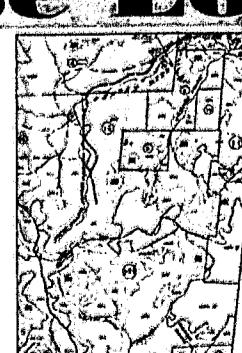
Perfect potential for development for this 7 acre parcel on busy Route 2. Great for a couple of spec. homes. Just use your imagination the possibilities are limitless. Offered @ 160,000



Runford, Hall Hill Road, 5 bedroom, Gambrel Home, with detached garage, 5 acres with spectacular views, conveniently located to Rumford, & Bethel area. Price to move \$79,500

Albany, Hunt's Corner Road, Great 3.7 acre lots, mountain views may be achieved with trees thinning in the back of property. Hand milled timbers are prevalent throughout the house. 3 bedrooms, fieldstone hearth, wood stove hook up, wonderful stone wall and privacy is an added plus. \$159,900

House Lots & Land



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8.64+/- Acres Bethel Route 26 \$59,500
57+/- Acres Bethel Flat Road \$164,000
30+/- Acres West Bethel \$159,900
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TYLER STREET, BETHEL \$129,000

5 Bedrooms/3 Baths

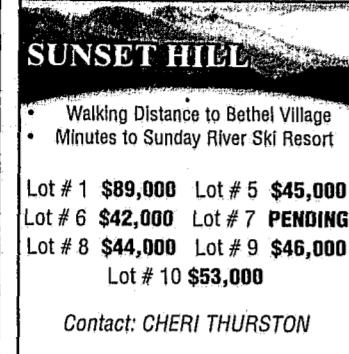
4.2 +/- Acre Lot w/pond

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SUNSET HILL

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- Lot # 1 \$89,000 Lot # 5 \$45,000
- Lot # 6 \$42,000 Lot # 7 PENDING
- Lot # 8 \$44,000 Lot # 9 \$46,000
- Lot # 10 \$53,000

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GROVER HILL SUBDIVISION, BETHEL

- 3 Bedroom / 2 Bath
- 1.3 +/- Acres
- Wrap Around Deck
- 1 1/2 Miles to Bethel Inn & Country Club
- Close to Sunday River Ski Resort

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3102 MAIN ST, HANOVER \$249,900

- 6 Bedroom / 2 Baths
- 7 Miles to Sunday River Ski Resort
- Hardwood Floors
- 4 +/- Acres
- Circa 1880 Farmhouse

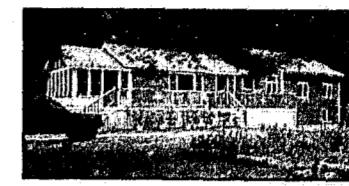
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NORTH ROAD, GILEAD \$429,000

- 3 Bedroom / 2 - 3/4 Baths & 1 1/2 Bath
- 5 +/- Acre Property
- 2 Car Garage plus Barn
- Twitchell Farm, circa 1802
- New Addition in 1998

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24 GATES, WEST PARIS \$209,000

- 4 Bedroom / 1 Full Bath, 2 - 3/4 Baths
- 12 +/- Acres
- In-Law Quarters
- Large Barn
- Quiet, Dead-End Road

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176 GORE ROAD, WOODSTOCK \$170,000

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20 BELL LANE, GREENWOOD \$189,000

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- Cathedral Ceilings
- Open Floor Plan
- 9.25 +/- Acres
- 2 Car Garage

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1483 NORTH ROAD, GILEAD \$67,000

- 3 Bedrooms / 1 Bath
- Mobile Home w/Custom Build On
- 1 +/- Acre
- Nice Wooded Lot
- Large Porch

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WEST BETHEL RD, WEST BETHEL \$89,000

- 6 Bedroom / 1 Bath
- Nice Backyard
- Enclosed Front Porch
- Large Barn
- Circa 1850

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TYLER STREET, BETHEL \$129,000

- 2.11 +/- Acre Property
- In-Town Bethel
- City Water/Sewer
- Walking Distance to Bethel Village
- Great View Potential

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49 MANSION STREET, NEWRY \$799,000

- 5 Bedrooms/3 Baths
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Harbor Rd, Woodstock: 3BR cape w/att. 2 car garage sits on 2 acres off of a quiet road. Inside there's extensive use of tile, a country kitchen, separate sunny dining room, beautiful stone fireplace, 1st floor laundry rm. & lots of custom built-ins. Outside there's a paved basketball court, sm. detached barri & lots of level land for livestock. Ideal spot to raise a family; just minutes to West Paris or Bethel. **NEWLY REDUCED TO \$139,900!**



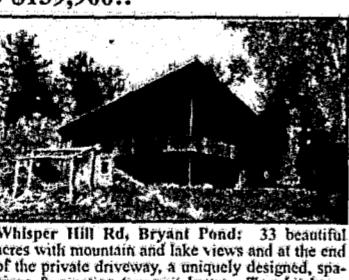
Paradise Rd, Bethel: Bethel's premiere neighborhood welcomes this new 2 story, 3BR colonial w/farmers porch. Walk to the golf course or to Main St. shopping and enjoy being only a few short miles from Sunday River to downhill skiing, Bethel Inn cross-country skiing, and lake & river adventures. The lay-out and location of this just-completed new house is sure to impress, so make an aptt. today. Interior photos on our website. \$284,000



East Bethel Rd, Greenwood: This cape with double dormers is located right on the Greenwood/Bethel town line and has 5BRs and 2 Baths. Plenty of room for a ski crowd or growing family and convenient to Bethel, Mt. Abram and Sunday River. Within walking distance to church, the post office, the town store, and the lake & boat launch. Nice backyard & location make it worth a look. **REDUCED TO \$94,900!**



Norway Lake, Norway: 4.5 acres of the best waterfront land in Oxford County. Located on 1500' of spectacular, wide lake frontage with fantastic views! This 2 BR home with garage has new paint, flooring, plumbing fixtures, upgraded electrical, new asphalt driveway and parking. The large deck, complete with a private beach, launch your boat from the dock or just sit on the deck and listen to the beautiful songs of the loon! This is an exclusive property, so call today. **JUST REDUCED TO \$439,900!**



Whisper Hill Rd, Bryant Pond: 33 beautiful acres with a private driveway, a country kitchen, a wrap around deck, and a large sunroom. This 2 story, 3BR, 2.5 bath, 2 car garage, has a wrap around deck, and a large sunroom. This 2 story, 3BR, 2.5 bath, 2 car garage, has a wrap around deck, and a large sunroom.



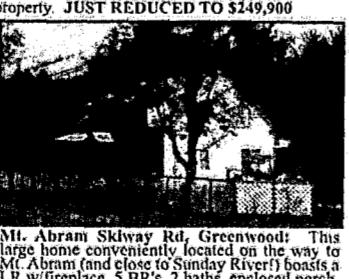
End of Howe Hill, Greenwood: You won't find a cozier, true Maine log cabin than this one! Hewn beams, cathedral ceiling, log fireplace, stone fireplace, and pine ceilings. 1BR, 1.5 baths, office & space downstairs could easily be made into 2nd BR. Sliders lead to a deck overlooking an acre on the dead-end of the Mt. Abram Rd. This is a great place to live & have fun! Located on the quiet side of town, close to the public boat ramp on Round Pond. Lots of space for year-round vacation home.



Andrews Hill Rd, Woodstock: This great house has 3BR's, 2 full baths and sits on a private 1.4 acre lot on a dead-end road. Very nice yard with lots of space for gardens & play areas. Interior is sunny with lots of new paint and new carpeting. Priced right at \$120,000.



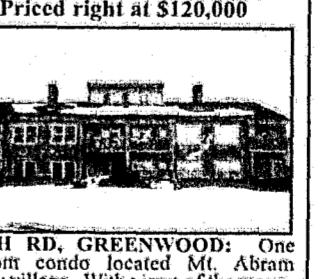
Mt. Abram Skiway Rd, Greenwood: This large, conveniently located on the Mt. Abram Skiway, has a large deck, a large sunroom, and a large living room. The kitchen is spacious and has a large island. The dining room is large and has a large window overlooking the deck. The bedrooms are large and have ample closet space. The bathroom is large and has a soaking tub. The exterior is in great condition and has a large deck.



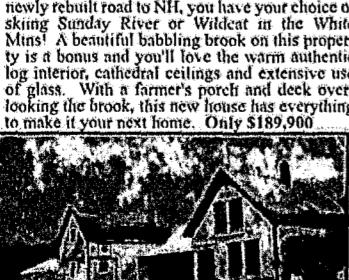
Howe Hill Rd, Greenwood: Wonderful farmhouse with att'd barn and frontage on Alder Brook. Lots of room for a large group or family, 6 BRs, spacious living and dining rooms, new carpet, & in-law apt. downstairs. The location can't be beat! On the road to Mt. Abram Skiway & also with walking distance to the public boat ramp on Round Pond. Lots of space for year-round vacation home.



Oak Tree Estates, Greenwood: Brand new 2BR log-sided chalet with exposed beams, Anderson windows, gas fireplace, walkout basement and a big deck that overlooks a beautiful mountain range. Extra attention to detail and many material upgrades make this a fantastic quality home. Set on a hill with Saco River, Pecony, Twitchell Pond and Lake Christopher all in close proximity, the location is ideal for all four seasons. \$214,900



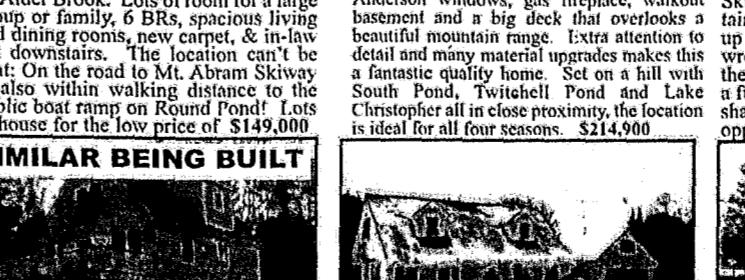
BIRCH RD, GREENWOOD: One bedroom condo located Mt. Abram Skiway village. With views of the mountains and a cozy woodstove to warm you up after a day of skiing, you can't go wrong with this investment. Why rent for the ski season when you can own? This is a full ownership offering, NOT a quarter share, not time-shares. Call today as this opportunity won't last long! \$72,000



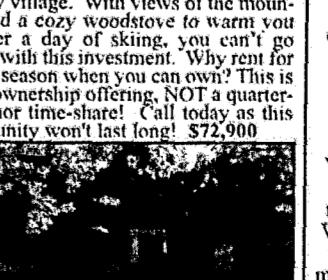
PRICED TO SELL!
26 Main St, Bryant Pond: With its 50+ seat restaurant septic system & unlimited parking on 2 acres, this amazing home is sure to turn heads! The interior is spacious and bright, with large windows overlooking the surrounding landscape. The kitchen is well-equipped with stainless steel appliances and plenty of counter space. The living room is the perfect place to relax and unwind, with a large fireplace and comfortable seating. The bedrooms are spacious and well-appointed, with ample closet space. The bathroom is large and features a soaking tub. The exterior is in great condition and has a large deck.



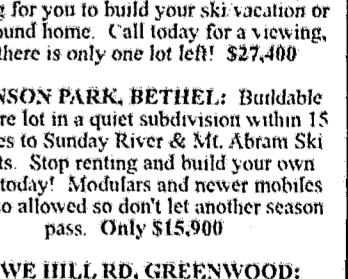
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East Bethel Rd, Bethel: Brand new 3 BR house in a brand new subdivision with room to left to pick out all your colors! Lots of glass, natural pine walls and plans for large deck with log railings. Potential for expansion, walk-out basement and location is ideal for both ski areas! Very affordable at \$199,900



Wyman Hill Rd, Rumford: Beautiful 3BR cape w/att'd 2 car garage and lots of curb appeal in a very nice neighborhood. Hardwood floors throughout and a rear deck that overlooks a beautiful big back yard. Convenient to town shops and only minutes to Black Mountain Ski Resort for a day of skiing. The location is ideal for both ski areas!



Main St, Dixfield: Well maintained historic white colonial home with 4BRs and 3.5 baths. Large front porch with a wrap-around deck and a back deck.

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SONGO POND WATERFRONTAGE
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NEW HOME NEAR MOUNT ABRAM
Move-in Jan '05! Privacy and views, located 1/2 mile from Mt. Abram's West Side. This new house is being built with convenience, taste and efficiency in mind. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. \$245,000

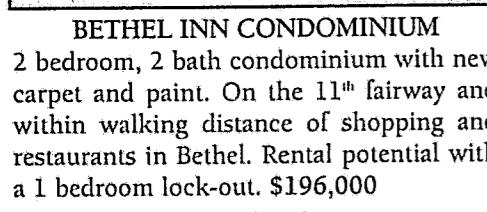
WELL MAINTAINED SPACIOUS HOME
Located in the village of Bethel, this home has nice woodwork, hardwood floors, large kitchen with family room, dining room, sunny living room, four bedrooms, two baths. In-law apartment, barn. Two car garage. \$239,000



CHARMING PROPERTY - MAIN STREET
One of the best center of Bethel locations. Small 7 bedroom/private bath Inn with retail space, 2 apartments or convert to offices or retail or single family home, ample parking and possibilities. Offered fully equipped. \$469,000



SUNDAY RIVER HOME
This new home in Red House Farm Village, a unique condominium community, has unobstructed views of White Heat. The great room with a fireplace and oversized kitchen make this the perfect gathering spot for family and friends. Amenities include cross country and snowshoe trails, a small pond and trolley service to the mountain. \$329,900



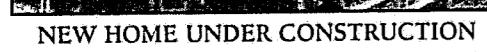
BETHEL INN CONDOMINIUM
2 bedroom, 2 bath condominium with new carpet and paint. On the 11th fairway and within walking distance of shopping and restaurants in Bethel. Rental potential with 1 bedroom lock-out. \$196,000



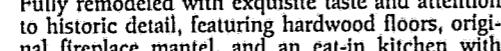
HISTORIC HANOVER HOME
Fully remodeled with exquisite taste and attention to historic detail, featuring hardwood floors, original fireplace mantel, and an eat-in kitchen with cherry cabinets. The expansive, bright rooms overlook an acre of stone walls, an immaculate lawn and established gardens. 10 minutes from Sunday River and a short walk to Howard Pond and the Androscoggin River. \$249,000



NICE QUIET LOCATION
3 bedroom, 2 bath home with many recent improvements including tile, paint to be carpeted. Situated on a quiet country road with mountain views in West Paris. Priced to sell at \$129,000

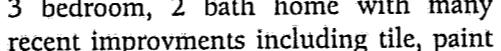


NEW HOME UNDER CONSTRUCTION
New home under construction in a nice quiet subdivision approximately 5 miles from Bethel. Three bedrooms, two full baths, gas fireplace, unfinished walkout daylight basement. An easy to maintain primary or second home! \$219,000



PRICE REDUCED

PARKWAY PROFESSIONAL - UNIT 3
Newly built commercial office condominium located on The Parkway. Excellent visibility. Central air, ample parking, fully rented. Two levels - 5 offices plus common areas. \$149,000



SUNSET ROCK!
Own a piece of history - the tourists in the 19th century used to drive their carriages up to this spot to look down on the Valley and view the White Mountains. Level, private, and only a mile to Bethel Village. 10+ acres. Some restrictions. \$200,000



40 ACRES IN ALBANY
40 wooded acres in Albany. Southwest exposure with potential for Presidential mountain views. From Bethel take Vernon Street (Rt 33) to Hunts Corner Road, at sharp corner turn right onto Purr Hill Road. Continue around 180 degree bend, property is on the left. \$84,000



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LOT NUMBER	PRICE
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06	\$59,900
07	\$74,900
08	\$74,900
09	\$89,900
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11	\$79,900
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UPATED FARMHOUSE
Nicely appointed farmhouse with new Farmers porch, pool, 2 fenced in yards, pasture, barn, garage, large family room with fireplace, new kitchen, patio area, nicely landscaped. \$345,000



POWDER RIDGE CONDOMINIUM
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Call for availability and pricing.

LARGE SCENIC LOT 43 acres | Albany

\$84,000

MAIN STREET BUILDING LOT .75 acres | Bethel

\$77,000

MAIN STREET .25 acres | Bethel

SOLD

EAST BETHEL RD .25 acres | Bethel

\$65,000

WILSONS RIVER .4 acres | Bethel

\$60,000

DAILEY ROAD .16 acres | Bethel

\$50,000

DAILEY ROAD .16 acres | Bethel

PENDING

PRIVATE BUILDING LOT .62 acres | Albany

\$39,500

MYSTIC MOOSE 3 lots available | Greenwood

\$32,500

HIDDEN ACRES BUILDING LOT .294 acres | West Park

\$25,000

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ARM VILLAGE

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Obituaries

HARRY W. ARCHER

Harry W. Archer of 48 Western Avenue, South Paris, died Thursday, Dec. 23, 2004 of natural causes.

He was born in Kansas City, Mo., on Oct. 7, 1918. He graduated from Vanderbilt University and was a reserve midshipman at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

During World War II, he served as an engineering officer on the battleship USS Arkansas (BB33) in the Atlantic and Mediterranean, and later on the aircraft carrier USS Franklin (CV13) in action in the Western Pacific during 1944 and 1945. He was a veteran of the Battle of Leyte Gulf, and was wounded in action off Japan in March 1945. He met his future wife, a USNR nurse, Lt. Grace A. Thorne, while being treated at Brooklyn Naval Hospital.

After the war, Mr. Archer lived with his wife, Grace, and four children in New Britain, Conn. He was with General Electric Co. as a design engineer, before retiring in 1979 to the village of Bryant Pond in Woodstock.

Mr. Archer was a member of Tri-Town Rescue of West Paris, Tri-Town Search and Rescue, and Woodstock Fire Department.

He remained in correspondence with fellow shipmates of the USS Franklin through the end of his life.

He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, fellow volunteers, and comrades.

Surviving family members are a son, Gregory T.; a daughter, Patricia A. Lovejoy, son-in-law Michael A. Lovejoy and grandson William T. Lovejoy, all of South Paris; a son, Kenneth B. and daughter-in-law Christina R. of Glastonbury, Conn.; a daughter, Margaret J. Herbert, son-in-law Harry J. Herbert, and granddaughters Catherine and Julia Herbert, all of Sydney, Australia. He was predeceased by his wife, Grace Thorne Archer, on Nov. 6, 2001.

A Memorial Service is planned for Feb. 11 in Bryant Pond. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Woodstock Fire Department, Bryant Pond, ME 04219, to Tri-Town Rescue, P.O. Box 275, West Paris, ME 04289, or to the Woodstock Historical Society, c/o Postmaster, Bryant Pond, ME 04219.

Card of Thanks

Many thanks to the Locke Mills Union Church and others for gifts at Christmas. Also, for the help the past few years.

Muriel Cole

NEIL GILBERT

Neil Davis Gilbert, 51, of West Bethel, died Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2004.

He was born in Rumford on Sept. 21, 1953, the son of Randall H. and Elizabeth (Davis) Gilbert.

He had worked at Newton & Tebbets Inc., for Arthur Head in the woods for many years, as a truck driver for Pike Industries, truck driver for Bear Paw Timber, and was employed with Red Oak at the time of his death.

He enjoyed spending time with family, camping, hunting, fishing, reading, and was an avid gun collector with a wealth of knowledge of guns.

He was a member of S.A.M. and an endowment member of the N.R.A.

He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth Gilbert of West Bethel; his brothers, Glenn and his wife Della of Holden, Mo., Scott of South Paris, and Brent and his wife Mary of West Bethel; his sisters, Arlynn Hale and her husband David of West Bethel, Cheryl Ramsey and her companion David Leland of Waterford, and Carol Crockett and her companion Bill Sawyer of Bethel; one son, Travis of West Bethel; Neil's companion, Phoebe Hanna and her children, Adam, Paul and Rebecca all of Mexico; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father in November 2002.

Funeral services were held at the Munkt-Allen Post 81, Vernon Street, Bethel, on Friday, Dec. 31, with the Rev. Rodney Hanscom officiating. Spring burial will be in the family lot at Pine Grove Cemetery, West Bethel. Memorials in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, Maine Division Inc., 52 Federal Street, Brunswick, ME 04011, or to the Sports Alliance of Maine, 205 Church Hill Road, Augusta, ME 04330.

Announcement of the Deaths and In Loving Memory Of

Grace Hicks
of Warrensburg, MO,
on 11-22-2004

and
Clair Cruciani
of Boston, MA on 12-23-2004

Two beloved sisters of Jean Mills Hutchins. They will be sadly missed.

The Giunta Family

Muriel Cole



contributor to the Oxford County Extension Service.

In September 1988, the Bethel Historical Society presented her with the Marjorie MacArthur Noll Volunteer Service Award for outstanding volunteer service to the society.

She traveled extensively abroad. In 1963, she joined her husband who was already in Europe participating in seminars in Comparative Education sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. Together they retraced the steps of the advancing Allied Forces from England to Germany during World War II.

She is survived by one son, Paul Vachon and his wife Arlene of Turner; two grandsons, Jason Vachon and his wife Katy of Albany, N.Y., and Ryan Vachon of Falls Church, Va.; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the West Parish Congregational Church UCC on Monday, Jan. 3. Spring burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery, Bethel. Memorials in her memory may be made to the Bethel Historical Society, P.O. Box 12, Bethel, ME 04217.



Sudie Lee Vachon, 93, of 81 Paradise Road, Bethel, died Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004 at the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs' Home in Auburn after a short illness.

She was born in Aiken County, S.C., on Jan. 6, 1911, the daughter of Lafayette and Minnie Lewis Gunter. She was educated in public schools of the county and by tutors on the staff of the cotton plantation owned by her family.

She established an early interest in plant culture, especially flowers, and in the study of birds, subjects which were reinforced in knowledge during her entire lifetime. Interestingly, this unusual choice of interest provided her first opportunity for gainful employment by appointment on the staff of some of the leading resort hotels in Georgia, New York, and the White Mountains of New Hampshire, in charge of flower arrangements. She built a reputation of one who could make anything grow.

As the years went on, she shared her talent freely among the institutions, organizations, churches, societies and schools of the community, especially during the many years she was associated with Gould Academy and assumed responsibility for the flower arrangements for the school's special events as the headmaster's wife.

With her love of nature, she also enhanced her knowledge of bird life and derived her greatest pleasures from watching them at her variety of feeders, at the bird bath, in their nesting habits and at play. She could identify each species by sight or by call. It was not unusual to have her interrupt a conversation in the midst of her garden by a comment such as, "hark, hear that cardinal calling" as the bird paused briefly in a neighboring tree to signal a last stop before arriving at the feeder.

On June 6, 1981, she married Edmond J. Vachon and together they celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on June 6, 2001. He died in September of 2001.

She was very active in community affairs, a member of the West Parish Congregational Church UCC and its Ladies Circle, an honorary and life member of the Bethel Historical Society with 14 years service as chairwoman of the Garden Committee, and an active

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